

2023 GIRLS WINTER INDOOR FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

To Benefit:



Rules & Guidelines

****All Games will be played under the rules of the IHSA.
Exceptions to the IHSA rules are listed below****

- 1) There is to be no food or drink brought into the Southern Illinois Center. Water will be provided on the field for players and coaches only.
- 2) Teams must have their insurance (Tournament must be provided a copy to keep), roster and waiver forms turned in and approved before their first game. Teams must check-in with the Tournament Director(s) at least 1 hour prior to their first scheduled game time. R-word money and pledge sheets must be turned in at registration and no later than midnight Friday night or they will not be counted for the contest.
- 3) **ONLY COACHES WILL BE ALLOWED I THE WARM-UP AREAS AND MUST HAVE THEIR COACHES PASS WITH THEM on their wrist. PARENTS AND FANS ARE NOT ALLOWED BACK THERE AT ANY POINT. IF A PLAYER NEEDS SNACK, DRINK, OR SOMETHING THEY MUST GO TO THE STANDS TO GET IT (UNLESS AN INJURY OR ILLNESS PREVENTS THEM). THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- 4) No protest will be allowed for any situation. Umpire decisions are final. Any team personnel (including parents, families, friends) who conduct themselves with unsportsmanlike behavior (as determined by the umpires, and/or tournament director), subject themselves and/or their team to suspension. *****Reminder, 1 warning will be issued for any coach arguing, disrupting or behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner as judged by the umpire or tournament director/staff. After said warning Coach will be removed from the facility. ***NOTE any spectator removed after said warning will also result in THE COACH FOR THAT TEAM BEING REMOVED. ******
- 5) A player who has been ejected from a game is restricted to the spectator area unless the act is determined to be flagrant; then the player or coach must leave the building for the remainder of the game. If any player, coach, manager, or spectator is ejected from more than one game for disciplinary reasons, they will not be permitted to participate or be a spectator for the remainder of the tournament.

- 6) Any player, coach or spectator accosting, fighting or physically threatening an umpire, player, coach, volunteer or spectator will be removed from the game and further action will be decided and taken by the tournament director. This penalty may include expulsion of the player, coach and/or team without refund of the tournament entry fee.
- 7) There will be **NO more than 5 minutes between games**. All teams are to be warmed-up, in their dugouts and ready to play at the scheduled game time or when the umpire declares "Play Ball". **Teams should be prepared to play (45) minutes before your** scheduled game time; if games are running earlier, teams will be notified and given an approximate game time on when to be ready. Only players for the next upcoming game are allowed to warm-up behind the outfield fence with the following exception: A team or teams playing a game may have a pitcher and catcher warming up in this area. *Please no throwing ball at the wall in the warm-up area.*
- 8) The Home Team shall be decided by a coin toss except the Championship game which will be home team is the higher seed. The Home Team is responsible for the official scorebook during the game. In the event of the if necessary game a coin toss will decide home team.
- 9) *First round games will have a 1 hour time drop-dead time.* All bracket games will have a *1 hour and 5 minute time limit*, or 7 complete innings. The first championship game will be will be played 7 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever comes first. The if necessary championship game will be a 3 inning shootout, no time limit. All time limit games will finish the current inning.
- 10) If a team is not present at game time, they will forfeit that game. Only the Tournament Director has the authority to forfeit a game. A forfeit will be scored 7-0.
- 11) Mercy rule is set at 10 runs after 3 **complete** innings, 8 runs after 4 **complete** innings and 6 runs after 5 innings.
- 12) Infielders and outfielders are not allowed to take a ball out for warm-up. Only one warm-up pitch allowed between innings.
- 13) No alcohol or tobacco products will be allowed in the building. If this is discovered you will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the day with no refund.
- 14) The International Tie Breaker Rule will be applied during bracket play and the championship game if the score is tied after the time limit is up or after 7 complete innings have been played. The Last Batter will be the runner on 2nd Base, and the defense will start with 1 out. For Example, if the number 5 hitter is at the plate, the number 4 hitter will be the runner, and 1 out will be on the scoreboard.
- 15) Teams may use courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers. In all cases, the courtesy runner will be the most recent out unless it is the pitcher or catcher, in which case you go back to the out prior to that one.

- 16) The umpires will enforce the one-minute rule. Have your player changes ready ASAP.
- 17) Please try to have the girls slide on all close plays; this will prevent injuries. The discretion of the umpire will be used on all plays.
- 18) Must have 8 players to start a game, and 7 players to finish. There will be an automatic out recorded for all vacant batting positions if a team is playing with less than 9 players. With no outs or one out, there will be automatic outs when a team is playing with 7 or 8 players. With two outs only, the defense may not intentionally or unintentionally walk or hit the batter to get the automatic out(s). If the batter is walked or hit by a pitch, the vacant spot(s) in the batting order are skipped, the automatic out is waived, and the next batter will be the player whose name follows the vacant spot(s).
- 19) If a team is batting full roster and a player is injured. That player may be removed from the lineup without penalty as long as the team still has at least 9 batters. Once a team gets below 9 batters an out will be awarded each time the 9 spot comes up in the lineup unless the team walks the 8th hole batter, then there is no penalty. If a player is hurt in the middle of an at bat and there are no subs, the next batter may step in and take the count of the injured batter. From there on the lineup will stay the same order, with the injured player being removed, and the injured player may not enter the lineup again in that game.
- 20) A player who coaches 1st or 3rd base must wear a helmet.
- 21) Players are allowed to use the on-deck circle located behind the batter.
- 22) A ball that hits any part of the ceiling will be played where it lands no matter where it hits the ceiling. Any Ball that hits the wall outside the fence will be foul. Any ball that hits a light will be a dead ball and be played as a re-pitch. A ball off the ceiling can land foul in front of the bases, roll fair, and still be played as a live fair ball.
- 23) Any ball hitting the black tarp in the outfield will be played live. Any ball hitting above the black tarp into the net will be a homerun.
- 24) Any ball going through the fence in the air, getting stuck in the fence or rolling under the fence onto the other field is an automatic double.
- 25) Pitching circles will be used.
- 26) Safety base at 1st will be used.
- 27) Batting full Roster is optional, and free substitution in the field is allowed.
- 28) Noise makers will not be allowed in building.
- 29) All other rules are IHSA.

30) Coaches having a question about a ruling on the field by an umpire, needs to call time to stop the game and ask for the tournament director. If game continues, the call CANNOT be changed later.

31) **REFUND POLICY**

Incliment weather policy is on the website.

FULL Payment must be received for the tournament by Jan. 5, 2022.

\$200 refund if a team withdraws 4 weeks away from the tournament.

\$150 refund if a team withdraws 3 weeks away from the tournament.

\$100 refund if a team withdraws 2 weeks away from the tournament.

NO REFUND if team withdraws inside of 2 weeks away. *

*FOR 2022 only if a team withdraws due to Covid19 protocols and the tournament director is able to secure a same age group substitute team, a full refund will be issued. Tournament director reserves the right to set a deadline for this within the 2 weeks or once brackets are sent out. After brackets are sent directors may end this exception based on case by case review.

Lets' Have Fun, It's Winter Time and for a Good Cause!!

**Contact Bill Asbury,
Tournament Director 618-357-1897 (Cell Number)**

Coaches, players, and fans, please remember we are all here for a good time and to see girls improve at the game of softball. If any questions occur at any time please find a tournament director for assistance. If you have any questions about any of the rules please email or see a tournament director before your first game at the tournament to get things cleared up, this helps in the long run.