



## 2020 Wizard Farley Memorial Softball Tournament Rules and General Information

**SANCTIONING:** This is an USA sanctioned tournament, therefore you must be USA sanctioned. Sanctioning will be available on site. **USA Rules will be followed with tournament exceptions as noted below.**

**CHECK IN:** All teams must check prior to their first game to pick up their game balls. Every team will be given 2 game balls on your first game, one game ball thereafter. You must turn in your signed self evaluation for covid 19 each day.

Official USA Rosters must be emailed to fast2home@yahoo.com and signed by the parents. Failure to turn in rosters will result in forfeits. Each coach must have proof of age for every player upon request. In the event of a protest, proof of age must be immediately available to the Tournament Director. Failure to provide proof of age will result in a forfeit for each game that player participated in.

**FORMAT:** The Wind-up Tournament will be a 6 game guarantee, weather permitting. Teams will play 5 pool games followed by a single elimination tournament.

**GAME LENGTH:** Time limit on all games is 75 minutes. No inning shall start after the elapsed time. An inning shall be officially begun immediately upon the last out of the preceding inning. This is in affect for all pool and bracket games, including Championship games. In pool play, there will be a 75 minute time limit... if there is a count on the batter, she may complete her at bat. If the home team is at bat and winning, the game is complete. If home team is losing, revert back to the previous inning. The game may end in a tie.. In bracket play, finish the inning. If game is tied. use the International Tie-Breaker.

### **POOL TIEBREAKERS:**

- 1.) Head to head competition (if 2 teams with have identical records and no other team has the same record.)
- 2.) Least runs allowed in pool play. If teams do not play the same number of pool games, the average number of runs allowed per game will be used.
- 3.) Coin Flip

Seeding will be done and the bracket schedule will be emailed out to the coaches and placed on Martin Drain facebook page. DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL ME to ask when you play until after 8:00 Saturday night.

### **MERCY RULE in ALL games:**

- 1.) 15 run differential after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.

**GROUND RULES:** Home teams will provide the Official Score Keeper. This book must be available to tournament officials at all times. Coaches **MUST** report final pool play scores to tournament officials at the end of each game in order to determine final placement in pool. Please text all scores to 833-495-0834 using your team designation. Home teams will be decided by a coin toss at that time. In bracket play, the higher seed coming out of pool play will be the home team. Teams beating a higher seed will assume the higher seed number. Dugouts are first come first served. No pets allowed at any complex (Facility rules). Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the start of your official start time. No practice or warm-ups are allowed on the diamonds prior to any game

**AWARDS:** First and Second place team awards will be given for each division of play

**STARTING LINE UP:** Coaches/managers must present their starting lineup to the official scorekeeper via text message. Please take a picture and send it to the opposing team. A list of phone numbers will be provided prior to the tournament. Because the intent of this tournament is to get the ladies more playing time and have fun, a manager may bat more than 9 players. All players in the official starting line-up must bat offensively in order. Any 9 can be used defensively. There is a freedom of defensive substitution if players are in the batting line-up. It will not be an automatic out if a batter cannot take her time at bat due to illness or injury unless the line-up falls below 9 batters. Once a batter is out of the line-up due to injury or illness, she cannot re-enter during the remainder of the game and is ineligible to play in the following game. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher but **must not be a player in the batting line-up.**

Courtesy runner rules are straight USA rules. If a team is batting their entire line-up, the courtesy runner may be the last batted out. The DP/Flex may be used and the flex player shall be listed in the last spot on the line-up card.

**PRACTICE:** No practice or warm-ups are allowed **on the ball diamonds** prior to any game. There is adequate room at the site for every team to warm-up. Failure to follow this rule may result in a teams forfeit and or ejection from the tournament.

**EQUIPMENT:** Game balls (2 new) will be provided by the tournament for each day. You must turn in your Covid 19 self assesment each day in order to get the balls. Please return the used balls by the end of the day.

**CONCESSIONS AND MEMORIBALIA:** There will be limited concessions at Rolf Park. Water/gator aid and some packaged food will be available. Tournament t-shirts and other softball equipment will be available for sale by Field A. The CYO complex will have full concessions and is one of the best we have seen.

**PROTESTS:** Protests are allowed with a \$50.00 deposit to the Tournament Director (419-343-4716). This will be returned if the protest is upheld. All tournament decisions (schedules, rain delays, tournament format etc.) are made by the tournament director and are final.

**RAIN DELAYS:** Game times may be adjusted, and/or shortened, to complete the tournament or get back on schedule. **THE PHONE NUMBER FOR RAIN DELAY INFORMATION IS 419-343-4716.** This will also be posted on Martin Drain Facebook and will be the easiest way to get information. Due to the high number of teams, do not leave a message. If you do not get an answer, call back in a few minutes. If rain postpones the tournament to an unreasonable degree, the tournament will be cancelled due to teams' and facility schedules. If the tournament is shortened due to weather, winners will be determined by:

- 1.) Win-Loss percentage.
- 2.) Head to head competition (if all teams with identical records did not play each other, go to step 2)
- 2.) Least runs allowed in all games. If teams play a different number of games, the average number of runs allowed per game will be used.

Tournament Director has the discretion to change rules as he feels will benefit the sport of softball.

**RAIN-OUT POLICY:** Game times may be adjusted, shortened or cancelled due to weather related issues. We will make every possible effort to reschedule rained out games. THE PHONE NUMBER FOR RAIN DELAYS IS 419-343-4716. If no games can be played a partial refund may be provided to each team. Full refunds are not possible. Refunds will be issued after the tournament is completed and only by written request from the team coach to our tournament director. Teams that choose to leave the tournament early will forfeit their games with no refund.

3-5 games played	- no refund
2 games played	- \$100 refund
0-1 games played	- \$200 refund

**We welcome all of you to Northwest Ohio and if you have any questions about our tournament or Toledo, please feel free to ask! We wish you the best of luck in your 2016 softball season!**

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