USA Softball of Oregon
Fall Classic College Exposure Showcase
Medford, Oregon

TOURNAMENT RULES

We would like to welcome you to the USA Softball of Oregon Fall Classic College Exposure Tournament. In an effort to provide enjoyment for everyone participating in the tournament, the following rules will be in effect for all play:

1. The home team will be determined by a double flip of the coin prior to each game.

2. **We will have an official scorekeeper and scoreboard operator at each field for both pool play and bracket play. We will be doing a live stream on all 8 fields. Teams will be rotated during Saturday pool play so each team gets at least one of their 3 games on the upper fields. A copy of your line-up must be presented to the scorekeeper 30 minutes prior to your game!!**

3. Each team must supply their line-up, including substitutes, to the home plate umpire and the opposing team. USA Softball **rules require that both the first and last name of the player be listed on the line-up card. All substitutions must go through the home plate umpire. Teams may bat the roster at any time during the tournament!! If a player is injured, the batting line-up will be condensed without an out being recorded for that spot in the batting line-up. The only stipulation is that the injured player may not re-enter the game!!! If not batting the roster then the team may bat 9 or 10 with or without the DP/Flex. If batting the roster, any player, not on base, can be a courtesy runner for pitchers/catchers. If this player is on base when it is their time at bat, the player who the courtesy runner is running for will be called out. The courtesy runner will be removed from the base and take their turn at bat.**

4. Pickup players, that are age eligible for the team classification they are being picked up for, are allowed for this tournament. The player must be listed on the tournament roster with the proper signatures. A teams can pick up both A & B players from their age group or lower age group. B teams can pick up only B players from their age group or lower. A signed roster form, with the waiver release, is required by the Parks & Recreation Department, the City of Medford, and USA Softball. Parents must sign the roster. If the player is 18, then the player must sign the roster. The coach or manager must sign the waiver & release form. The Roster must be turned into the tournament check-in area when the coach checks in.

5. USA Softball Fastpitch rules will be in effect for tournament play with the following exceptions: (Innings will be finished – No drop dead)
   a.) No new inning will start after 1 hour 30 minutes for pool play and 1 hour 20 minutes for bracket play. Games can end in a tie in pool play. Exception: No time limit on championship and 3rd/4th place games.
   b.) All protests must be decided before the next pitch is thrown. All protests will be settled by the site UIC and the site Tournament Director.
   c.) If a **pool play** game ends with the mercy rule, **the score will be recorded as the score of the game**, but since this is an exposure tournament, play may continue with a 3 run per inning limit, for each team, until time expires. **These runs will not be part of the overall score!!!!** The decision to continue play will be up to the two team coaches. Both must agree.

6. Teams must be prepared to play on short notice during the tournament. In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director may change the schedule.

7. Entry into the Tournament is restricted to registered teams when they turn in their signed Standard Roster form with the waiver and release. **Check in is required before you play your first game. You must check in at Lithia & Driveway Fields on Friday night at the headquarters tent next to field #2. Check in will open up at 2PM and will stay open until 8PM. CHECK-IN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT ANY OTHER FIELD. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A RED CARD WHEN YOU CHECK IN AND THAT CARD MUST BE GIVEN TO THE UMPIRE AT THE TIME OF YOUR FIRST GAME. EACH HEAD COACH MUST TURN IN THE SIGNED USA SOFTBALL ROSTER FORM AND PICK UP THEIR TEAM GIFTS AND TOURNAMENT PACKET. ALSO YOU WILL PICK UP TICKETS FOR THE PLAYERS & COACHES FOR THE BBQ FURNISHED BY Ricos FROM 5PM to 8PM ON FRIDAY NIGHT.**
TEAM PARENTS AND FANS MAY PURCHASE A TICKET FOR $5.00
THE PLAYERS AND ASSISTANT COACHES DO NOT HAVE TO CHECK IN!!

8. All tournament participants will play at their own risk.

9. All managers, coaches, players, and parents will be expected to conduct themselves on and off the field in a manner which will be a credit to themselves, their sponsors, their home cities, and their softball associations. **All coaching must be done from the dugout or on the field with a maximum of four (4) coaches Any action perceived to be coaching from outside the dugout or the field of play and any derogatory comments will receive a one time warning to the violating team. Any continuing action will receive an automatic out during the present or next at bat for the violating team. A total of three warnings and the violating team will forfeit the game and be out of the tournament.**

10. Each team will play a minimum of 5 games during the two days of the tournament. All teams will play 3 games in pool play on Saturday. All teams will play a minimum of 2 games in bracket play on Sunday.

    Pool play finishing will be determined using the following criteria:
    We will use the finish, for each pool, as determined by pool play results calculated on www.tourneymachine.com

11. We have 32 teams in the tournament.

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12. All teams will play in one Division in pool play. We will have 8 pools with 4 teams per pool. Each team will play the other teams in their pool. How each team finishes in pool play will determine which bracket they will play in for championship play. All the first and second place pool play teams will be seeded in the upper 16 team bracket and the third place and fourth place pool play teams will be seeded in the lower 16 team bracket. After the first game in bracket play, each bracket will split into two single elimination tournaments, with the first game winners going into a Gold bracket and the first game losers into a Silver bracket. Teams will play off for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in each single elimination bracket. That means teams that lose in the semi-final games will play another game for 3rd and 4th place. **16 teams will still be playing at 5PM on Sunday.** Please note that only players on your signed roster are allowed to play for your team and your team only. Once a team is eliminated from the tournament, the players are also eliminated. That means that once a team is done the players cannot be used by any other team that is still playing.

13. There will be two (2) USA Softball umpires assigned for each game. Three (3) person umpire mechanics will be used for the Championship games.
The umpires are giving of their time and efforts this fall as some may be doing other sports as well. Please treat them with courtesy and respect as they strive to do their best, for all, during the tournament.

14. The following awards will be presented at the end of the tournament. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place trophies for the four brackets (Upper Gold & Silver and Lower Gold & Silver). Individual player medallions will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each of the four brackets. **Please work with staff so we have team pictures taken of 1st-4th place.**

15. Website Information: **(www.mrsoftballinc.com) (www.tourneymachine.com)**
All pool play, motel, field directions and locations, updated scores, teams, umpires, and other pertinent information will be listed on the above websites. Pool play will be on www.tourneymacine.com. **Bracket play will be on www.mrsoftballinc.com only as Tourney Machine is not set up to handle our brackets.**
Any questions can be directed to the following e-mail: mrsoftballinc@gmail.com

16. **POOL PLAY:**
First team listed will occupy the 1st base dugout
Second team listed will occupy the 3rd base dugout.

BRACKET PLAY:
Team listed at top of the bracket will occupy the 1st base dugout.
Team listed at the bottom of the bracket will occupy the 3rd base dugout.

EXCEPTION: IF A TEAM IS OCCUPYING THE DUGOUT FROM A PREVIOUS GAME AND IS PLAYING THE NEXT GAME, THEY WILL REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT THEY ARE IN!!

17. **THERE ARE NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED ON THE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS AT LITHIA & DRIVEWAY FIELDS. ALSO, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TURF SHOES OR TENNIS SHOES BY USED ON THE ARTIFICIAL TURF. MOLDED CLEATS ARE ALLOWED BUT ARE DISCOURAGED AS THEY CAN CATCH IN THE TURF AND LEAD TO INJURY.**

18. **There is no smoking or any tobacco products allowed inside the park. All smoking must be done in the parking lot. (See Medford Parks & Recreation Parks Rules)**

19. **Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on the premises anywhere in the U.S. Cellular Athletic Complex. (See Medford Parks & Recreation Park Rules)**

20. **The Camp and games will be streamed on all 8 fields on YouTube. If you google Lithia Driveway Fields You Tube, it will bring up the live streaming for all 8 fields. The Southern Oregon University softball players will be doing the announcing for each game.**

21. **We wish everyone well and let's have a great tournament for all!!**

THANK YOU!!