



2026 Pride in the Pack Tournament Rules and Conditions

Teams must check in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first scheduled game and be prepared to turn in your 2 game balls. Rosters will be based off of MNSoftball website, if your team is not sanctioned through MN Softball, please email charlie.wilwert@cgaasoftball.com to fill out a roster PRIOR to your first game. Game balls will be available for purchase at the Concession Stands for \$5.

Check in Area: 8U – individuals at table at Cottage Grove Middle School. 10U – 12U – Lamar Fields Concessions Building.

- This tournament offers a berth to Nationals, number of teams and who qualifies is based on how many teams register.
- Placement in the brackets will be based on:
 - **Overall Win/Loss Record in pool or round robin play**
 - **Head to head if two teams have the same record**
 - **Fewest runs allowed**
 - **Total runs scored**
 - **Run differential**
 - **Coin flip**
- Format of games depends on number of teams registered.
- Home teams in pool & bracket play will be determined by a coin toss or rolling a ball to the pitching rubber, at the umpire's discretion. In the case of a ball roll, the closest to the pitching rubber has choice to be home or visitor.
- Batting Order & Line-up: all levels required to bat the entire roster and unlimited substitutions will be allowed. Courtesy runners are allowed and encouraged to speed up play (last out) for pitchers, catchers, or injured players.
- All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the tournament director.
- Games are 7 innings or until time has expired, whichever comes first. No new innings may start after 60 minutes for 8U or 65 minutes for 10U - 12U.
- Heckling of the umpires will not be allowed. The coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If the heckling continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying within two minutes will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team. Coaches please discuss this with your fans prior to coming to the tournament to avoid any confusion.
- A team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time of their game will forfeit that game; unless you're coming from a previous game that has not finished as scheduled, a different

location, or weather delay (in accordance with the Inclement Weather Policy).

- Pool play games can end in a tie. Bracket play must have a winner. International tie-breaker will be used in bracket play. International tie-breaker will be played with a runner on second (last out from previous inning) and no outs.

- There are no restrictions on the number of innings a pitcher can pitch. • All

games are subject to the following mercy rules:

- 15 after 3
- 10 after 4
- 8 after 5

- 8U will use the Blue Flame pitching machines. Each batter gets 3 swings or 5 pitches unless the last pitch is a foul ball. If a foul ball is hit, the at bat will continue. See additional document called 8U Tri County Rules for additional rules.

- 8U & 10U games will have a maximum 5 runs per ½ inning. For 12U, based on number of teams, teams classified as C teams might be in their own pool/bracket. If that is the case, coaches will decide before each game starts if there will have a maximum 5 runs per ½ inning.

- 10U play: Teams will adhere to the Tri-County & Big West League rules. Advancement to first base on a dropped third strike, stealing home, more than one base on a steal attempt is allowed. Based on number of teams, teams classified as C teams might be in their own pool/bracket. If that is the case, no advancement to first base on drop third strike will be allowed.

- Updates to brackets will be posted on Tourney Machine within 2 hours of the completion of play for the respective age level. We will do our best to keep the live bracket up to date as games are completed.

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the length of games in the event of bad weather. In the event of rain, refer to our website www.cgaasoftball.com or Facebook page, CGAA Softball, or Tourney Machine for updates to game times and schedules.

- In the event the tournament were to end prior to completion based on weather, the following tie-breakers will be used to determine order of finish:

- Higher seed at completion of pool play
- Win/Loss record in pool play
- Head to head if two teams have the same record
- Fewest runs allowed
- Total runs scored
- Run differential
- Coin flip

- We will have individual awards for First & Second place teams for all championship brackets

- The Tournament Director, Charlie Wilwert at (651) 246-9432 or at charlie.wilwert@cgaasoftball.com; CGAA Softball President Amanda Albert, can be reached at (651) 295-8561. If both are unavailable, contact Tim Dana at (651) 319-3930