



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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4TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT – GENERAL RULES

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1. Tobacco & alcohol products of any kind are prohibited on Portage Community School District (PCSD) property which includes all playing fields, parking lots, and adjacent areas. Persons found to possess these items may be asked to leave to premises. Refusal to leave may result in their team losing by forfeit.
2. Smoking of any kind including e-cigarettes and vapes is prohibited.
3. Dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited on Portage Community School District property per PCSD policies. However, we will not enforce this unless animals are off-leash or causing other disturbances. Service animals are allowed.
4. All participants must complete a liability waiver prior to participating. This requirement applies to all coaches, parent helpers, and players, as well as anyone else who will need access to a dugout, playing field, batting cage, or other team area throughout the tournament. Proof of insurance is not required.
5. Head coaches must check their team in prior to their team warming up, entering a playing field or dugout, and playing their first game. Head coaches will need to confirm their tournament roster and coaching staff with tournament staff. Changes cannot be made to either of these once confirmed during tournament check-in unless approved by the Tournament Coordinator. Only coaches and players confirmed during check-in are permitted on the playing field or inside of a dugout during the tournament. Any players or coaches who did not submit a liability waiver online will need to submit a paper copy during check-in.
6. Teams are not required to place all players listed on their tournament roster on any specific game roster.
7. Good sportsmanship is viewed by Portage Youth Softball as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. For the enjoyment and respect of all in attendance, your cooperation in demonstrating the high ideals of sportsmanship is expected and greatly appreciated (Courtesy of the WIAA). Any person exhibiting poor sportsmanship in the opinion of an umpire or tournament staff may be ejected from the game or removed from the facility, with or without warning.

SPORTSMANSHIP

PLAYERS ARE KIDS
COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS



UMPIRES ARE HUMAN
SOFTBALL IS A GAME

8. The coaching staff of a winning (or tying) team must report their game score immediately after game completion. Submit scores online at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/score.
9. Games will start up to thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled start times (except for the first scheduled game of each day on each field). Teams must be ready to start at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled start time unless they have a game immediately prior to the game in question.



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10. All coaching must occur from within the dugout or field of play. Coaching from the stands is prohibited. Cheering is acceptable and encouraged. However, all team coaches must be in the field of play or dugout. Calling pitches, correcting batting stance, correcting pitching mechanics, etc. from the stands provides an unfair advantage to one team while being distracting to others and may result in the removal of the parent or fan from the facility. Parents and fans who refuse to leave if instructed to do so will cause their team to lose by forfeit.
11. Carry-ins are prohibited except for water/sports drinks and healthy team snacks **FOR PLAYERS ONLY**. All other food and beverages should be purchased from the concession stand. A wide variety of food and beverages will be available. All proceeds go towards our organization, facility upgrades, and future tournaments that our organization hosts. Your support of our concession stand is greatly appreciated.
12. Teams should leave their dugout and the field of play immediately following a game unless they have a game on the same field immediately after. This is to keep games on schedule and allow the next team to enter the field and dugout as soon as possible. Teams should leave their dugout as clean as or cleaner than when they entered it. Coaches should meet with their team following a game **OUTSIDE OF THE FIELD OF PLAY AND DUGOUT** to allow the next game to start on time.
13. Coaches and players must remain in the dugout and be in dead ball territory during play unless they are an offensive base coach, offensive runner/batter/on-deck batter, or active defensive player. Players must stay out of the dugout doorways unless wearing a batting or catching helmet. If a batted or thrown ball could strike a player due to where they are standing in the dugout, they must wear a helmet. Coaches in the dugout must request and be granted a time-out by the umpire prior to entering the field of play (except for offensive base coaches).
14. The tournament is comprised of pools (i.e. Pool A, Pool B, etc.) with four (4) teams in each. Each team will play some of the other teams in their pool once. Each pool will then be seeded for bracket play with the seed letter corresponding to the pool letter and lower numbers being higher/better seeds (i.e. A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3, etc.). The seeding tie-breaker procedure for teams within the same pool is as follows:
 1. Most Standings Points (SP) – [Win = 1 SP, Tie = ½ SP, Loss = 0 SP]
 2. Least Runs Against
 3. Most Runs For
 4. Head-to-Head Record (if applicable)
 5. Coin Flip by Tournament Coordinator.
15. After pool play, a standard double elimination bracket will follow. In a double elimination bracket, all teams start in the Winner's Bracket. After a team's first loss, they will move to the Loser's Bracket. After a team's second loss, a team is eliminated. Teams in the Loser's Bracket often must play more games including multiple games in a row. However, they still have a chance to win the tournament unlike a single elimination tournament where a team is eliminated after their first loss.
16. Throwing or hitting balls into fences is prohibited. Teams should provide their own hitting nets or use on-site batting cages.
17. Tournament attendees are to follow all posted signs.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE TOURNAMENT! GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!