

5TH ANNUAL PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL SUMMER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION (14U)

DATE/TIME: Friday, July 26, 2024 – Sunday, July 28, 2024 (Games on Friday will be limited to the afternoon/evening, but we intend to have all teams play one (1) game on Friday. Games tentatively starting at 3:00 PM on Friday and at 8:00 AM on Saturday & Sunday.) **LOCATION:** Portage High School Softball Fields - Our fields are some of the nicest in South-Central Wisconsin with lights on one field. **ELIGIBILITY:** 14U B/C Level Teams (Ages 14 & under as of 8/31/2023; Community Based Teams Only – Rec-League All-Star Teams Allowed – Teams with Players from Multiple Communities Not Allowed unless approved by Tournament Coordinator in advance.)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS: Eight (8) teams at the 14U age division

FORMAT (DEPENDENT ON NUMBER OF TEAMS): Pool Play (2 games) and Double Elimination Bracket

GAME GUARANTEE: Each team is guaranteed 4 games (weather dependent).

SCHEDULE: TBA - The schedule will be posted online and emailed to coaches at least one week prior to the tournament.

COST: \$450 (free parking, free admission, well-maintained fields, affordable concessions, playground, & indoor restrooms included) **FIELD MAINTENANCE:** We are proud to offer high quality facilities. Fields will be dragged, watered, and relined as necessary and as time permits. Teams should stay off fields during field maintenance to give volunteers space to work efficiently and safely.

RULES: This tournament will use standard NFHS softball rules with tournament rule adaptations. A full list of rule adaptations will be posted online and emailed to team coaches prior to the tournament. No new inning will start after the time limit expires (60 minutes for pool play, 90 minutes for championship games & if-games, 70 minutes for all other games).

UMPIRES: There will be two umpires for each game. At least one, but usually both, of the umpires will be WIAA or USA Softball certified. A certified umpire will always be behind the plate. We have been 100% certified the past few years and plan to be this year! **AWARDS:** Medals will be given out to players on the top three (3) teams.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS: Birth certificates will not be checked prior to teams playing their first game. However, teams must be prepared to show the Tournament Coordinator legal birth certificates for all their players if requested by the Tournament Coordinator. This will only occur if there are legitimate concerns that players are over the maximum age limit.

LIABILITY WAIVER REQUIREMENTS: All players and coaches must sign an online waiver prior to attending the tournament. Coaches will receive more information after registering for the tournament.

REFUND POLICY: Teams shall receive full refunds (\$450) if the tournament is canceled prior to the start of the tournament. Online payment processing fees are not refundable. Teams that fail to complete liability waivers and are not allowed to participate will not be eligible for any refund. In the event of severe weather or field conditions that force the Tournament Coordinator to cancel the remainder of the tournament, teams shall receive the following refunds based upon the number of games played or started:

- Zero (0) games completed or started: \$450 (Full Refund)
- One (1) game completed or started: \$225 (Half Refund)
- Two (2) games or more completed or started: \$0 (No Refund)

Teams that withdraw their registration prior to the tournament shall receive the following refunds:

- Prior to April 1, 2024: \$400
- Prior to June 1, 2024: \$250
- Prior to July 1, 2024: \$100
- On or after July 1, 2024: \$0 (No Refund)

CARRY-IN POLICY: Teams are reminded that a fully stocked and affordable concession stand will be available for the duration of the tournament. Concession stand offerings will be posted online and emailed to team coaches prior to the start of the tournament. No carry-ins are allowed at this tournament except for players that carry-in water and/or sports drinks to stay hydrated.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Teams must register online through our website. There is no paper registration form. Payment can be submitted online using a credit/debit card OR a check can be mailed to our organization's Treasurer. Paying online at the time of registration will immediately reserve your spot. Register online at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/tournament-registration.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR 2024 14U SUMMER TOURNAMENT!

For questions, email <u>tournament@portageyouthsoftball.org</u> or Contact us at <u>www.portageyouthsoftball.org/tournament</u>.

