

Rules

Badgerland Classic will abide by USA Softball rules, except as modified below. All rules are subject to change or to be clarified by the Badgerland Classic Tournament Committee in partnership with the Tournament UIC.

1. **AGE:** Players must be at minimum 18 years of age by the first date of tournament play to register and play. Non-players must be at minimum 16 years of age to register. Age requirements will be enforced by sponsor bars per the policy of the establishment.
2. **RATINGS:** We will follow the 2019 NAGAAA Player and team rating guidelines. Submit 2019 player ratings when completing official team roster.
 1. *C Division: No player rated over 15 with a team maximum of 140.*
 2. *D Division: No player rated over 12 with a team maximum of 110.*
 3. *E Division: No player rated over 8 with a team maximum of 75.*
3. **ROSTER:** Teams may have up to 20 players on the roster and bat no more than 12 players. USA Softball substitution rules still apply. All roster players are required to participate in at minimum, one pool play game to be eligible for bracket play.
4. **REGISTRATION:** All players, coaches, and managers must register by checking in with a valid form of identification and signing the tournament release form (i.e. registration book) prior to stepping on the field. No one is allowed on the field or in the dugouts (including score keepers, fans, etc.) without first signing the tournament release form.
 1. Playing an unregistered player in any game will result in forfeit of the game and the unregistered player will be disqualified from continuing to play in the remainder of the tournament.
 2. The registration book with the official team roster will be available at the Registration Party on Friday, and at fields located near the concession stand on Saturday and Sunday approximately 1 hour prior to the first scheduled game.
5. **UNIFORMS:** All players should wear a like color jersey with a unique number. Temporary numbers and marked jerseys of a different color are discouraged, but permitted. Jewelry must be removed or securely taped prior to playing. Tournament wristbands may be worn during play.
6. **PRACTICE:** No practice is permitted on the tournament fields.
7. **SUBSTANCES:** The use of alcohol or smoking is not permitted within a dugout or on a field of play.
 1. Must be 21 years of age to purchase or consume alcohol.
 2. Alcoholic beverages purchased onsite can be consumed within the confines of the complex, but is not permitted within a dugout or on a field of play.
 3. Outside alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the complex.
8. **MINIMUM PLAYERS:** Teams must start the game with at minimum 9 players.
 1. If a team plays with 8 players, the number 9 & 10 spot in the batting lineup is skipped.
 2. Once a game starts, if an additional registered team player arrives, they can be added as the number 9 & 10 spot at the bottom of the batting lineup.
 3. Any additional late players can be added as a substitute player, but cannot be added to the batting lineup without substitution. Scheduled game start time is forfeit time.
 4. Teams playing back to back games will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to move fields for consecutive games.
 5. It is encouraged that teams are aware of potential game times before leaving the complex between pool play and tournament play, or other breaks between games.
9. **LINEUP CARDS:** Starting lineup and available substitutes must be filled out on lineup cards (provided) prior to the start of the game including players last name and number. A copy must be given to the umpire and opposing team manager during the pregame conference. Additional cards will be available at concession stands and designated locations.
10. **HOME TEAM:** Home team will be determined by the following:
 1. Coin toss for pool play games; the officiating umpire will determine who will call the coin toss.
 2. Higher seed for all winners' bracket games.
 3. Coin toss for all loser bracket games; the officiating umpire will determine who will call the coin toss.
 4. Undefeated team for the championship game, and by coin toss if an "if game" is require.
11. **PITCHING:** Pitch arc is 6-12 feet per NAGAAA rules.
12. **BATS:** USA Softball banned bats will not be permitted within a dugout or on a field of play. Permitted bats must be in "good" playing condition and will be evaluated upon the discretion of the officiating umpire.
13. **BATTING:** Each batter will start with a 1-1 count.
14. **COURTESY FOUL:** No courtesy foul will be provided. A foul hit with a 2 strike count will be counted as the third strike and the batter will be called out.
15. **SAFETY BASE:** The double base shall be used at first base as outlined by USA Softball rules. Noting, when a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the contrasting color portion of the base.

16. **BASE RUNNING:** Base stealing and leading off is not allowed.
17. **HOMERUN:** Due to fences less than 300ft: C divisions is limited to two homeruns per game (2 limit), D division is limited to one homerun per game (1 limit) and E division may not have a homerun (0 limit). Any homerun over the limit is recorded as an out.
18. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** USA Softball substitution rules apply. This means that to replace a player on the lineup, you must enter a legal substitute. If the original player re-enters the game, they must do so in their original lineup position. Once a player has exited the game a second time, he/she cannot re-enter the game. This only applies to substitutions which change the batting order. Players in the batting order changing fielding positions or going between extra hitter and fielding positions are not considered substitutions.
19. **COURTESY RUNNER:** The USA Softball rule for courtesy runners will be used. Any eligible player on the official lineup including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A single courtesy runner may be used once per inning. If a player is a courtesy runner and remains on base when required to bat, the player/batter is called out.
20. **GAME TIME:** The official game start is when the officiating umpire calls the start of the game. The official game end is after the final pitch within the limits defined herein or at time expiration.
 1. No new inning shall start after 50 minutes in pool play, 55 minutes in tournament play, or 55 minutes in championship games and "if" games.
 2. Pool play games may end in a tie at the end of inning 7 or at the end of the current inning once time has expired.
 3. The international tie-breaker will be used in the event that tournament play games end in a tie.
21. **OFFICIAL SCORECARD:** The coach or manager from each team must sign or initial the official umpire's game scorecard at the end of each game to confirm the correct score and winner is marked. Signed official scorecards are final and cannot be later disputed. The official scorecard is used to determine seeding and brackets for tournament play.
22. **RUN RULE:** Run rule will follow USA Softball, 20 after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5.
23. **TOURNAMENT SEEDING:** Seeding will be based on a 3 game pool play record: win, loss, and tie. If there is a tie for equal pool play records then the names will be drawn out of a hat to determine the higher seed. In the event a team is required to play 4 pool play games, the results of the best 3 games will be used. Example: If a team goes 2-1-1 then their 3 game record would be 2-0-1.
24. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director and Committee have the ability to adapt and modify rules in attempt to complete the tournament. These changes will be communicated to the coaches of each team.