

# Wizards-Starzz COVID Chaos 2020



## Girl's Non-Sanctioned Fastpitch Tournament

**July 24-26, 2020**

Field Locations: Euclid High School-651 E. 222<sup>nd</sup> St., Euclid, OH 44123; Sam Nader Field-22550 Milton Ave., Euclid, OH 44123; Todd Field-38264 Glenn Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094; and Daniels Park-38401 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094

### 1. Registration & Participation:

- a. Teams must check in one (1) hour prior to the start of their first game at Euclid High School and/or Todd Field (there will be no check in location at Sam Nader Field-must report to Euclid High School)
- b. Teams must provide a printed roster (complete with name, birthdate, uniform number, address, and parent/guardian phone number), proof of insurance, and COVID Waivers. Birth Certificates must be available upon request and rosters may not be modified after initial check in.
- c. No player may be listed on more than one team roster, regardless of division.

### 2. Tournament Format:

- a. Non-Sanctioned four (4) game guaranteed tournament.
- b. Three (3) pool games will be played on Friday and/or Saturday, with single elimination on Sunday.
- c. All teams must be able to play a Friday night game.
- d. Teams must be prepared to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- e. All umpires will be sanctioned umpires.
- f. All age divisions with the exception of the 10U division will have two (2) umpires per pool play game.
- g. All age divisions will have two (2) umpires for all elimination games.

### 3. Game Rules:

- a. All games will be played according to USSSA rules with the exceptions described below.
- b. Home team will be decided by coin flip during pool play.
- c. Sunday's home team will be decided by seedings based on pool play results.
- d. Game length will be 7 innings, time limit, or run spread.
  - i. Time limit is 60 minutes, finish the inning, plus one inning.
  - ii. Time will begin after rules meeting at home plate is complete.
  - iii. A new inning will be defined as starting when the third out in the previous inning is recorded.
  - iv. Pool play games can end in a tie.

- v. Run spread: 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.
  - vi. International Tiebreaker Rule will be used on Sunday if needed.
  - vii. A team may bat the entire roster during pool play and elimination games and/or DP/FLEX may also be used during pool play and elimination games.
    - If batting the entire roster and a player is injured, ill, and must be removed from the game, her spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty. Said player may return to the game if able. If batting the whole roster and a player is ejected from the game by the umpires, her spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out for the duration of the game.
  - e. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher. This player must be a bench player or the last batted out. If the pitcher or catcher is a leadoff hitter of the game, then the courtesy runner must be a bench player, or if batting the whole roster, the courtesy runner must be the last batter in the order. If the pitcher or catcher is the last batted out, a team can then go to the last batted out prior to the pitcher or catcher.
  - f. Starting pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher once.
  - g. Official scorebook will be kept by the designated home team. Scorebook keepers for each team will confer at the completion of each half-inning to reconcile the score. If there is an issue, it is to be brought to the attention of the umpires prior to the start of the next half-inning. The difference must be reconciled before the game resumes. If, in the opinion of the home plate umpire, that the home team fails to keep an adequate scorebook, the visitor's scorebook will be taken as the official scorebook of the game. The decision of the home plate umpire is final.
  - h. No protests are allowed. The decision of the home plate umpire is final.
  - i. Tournament directors have final say in all disputes during the tournament.
4. Forfeit Rules:
- a. Forfeits will be awarded 7-0 win and a 0-7 loss.
  - b. You may start a game with eight (8) players. A 9th player may be added after the game begins and placed at the bottom of the batting order. The late arriving player may join the team on defense at the start of a new inning, but may bat upon arrival. This includes pool play games, as well as elimination games on Sunday.
5. Game Time Warm Ups:
- a. Please limit pregame warmups to foul territory and outfield grass as fields may be lined and dragged between games.
  - b. Please allow only five (5) warm up pitches for the start of the game and three (3) warm up pitches every inning after that. (A new pitcher is allowed five (5) warm up pitches upon entry)
6. Scorecards:
- a. A team representative (head coach or assistant coach) from each team must text game score at the completion of each game to 440-823-1782.
  - b. If there is a break between games, please report your score before starting the next game.

7. Sunday Seeding:

- a. Sunday seeding will be decided by pool play results.
- b. Pool play tie breakers:
  - i. Head to head
  - ii. Runs Allowed
  - iii. Runs Scored
  - iv. Coin Flip
- c. If more than two (2) teams are tied with the same pool record, head to head will be ignored and first tie breaker will be runs allowed, second will be runs scored, and third will be a coin flip.

8. Championship Games:

- a. No time limit will apply. Games will be played the entire seven (7) innings, unless run spread rules are reached.
- b. If the game is tied after seven (7) innings, international tie breaker rules will be used.

9. Rain Delays & Rainout Policy:

- a. Games will resume at the point of delay. All players will be removed from the playing field and there will be a thirty (30) minute delay, beginning from the last incident of thunder and/or lightning.
- b. A game will be considered official after three (3) innings are completed. If after the third inning play has been delayed for more than one (1) hour, the winner will be decided by the score of the game after the last completed inning. If a game is interrupted prior to the end of the third inning due to inclement weather, and can be resumed within an hour, the game will resume at that time. If the game cannot be completed, that game may be rescheduled based on field availability. This decision will be made by the tournament directors.
- c. There will be no postponement of the tournament. In the event that we are unable to complete the tournament, teams will be ranked by playing record during pool play and trophies will be awarded accordingly.
- d. Sunday Rainouts:
  - i. Should Sunday play not be completed because of weather, trophies will be awarded at the discretion of tournament directors.
- e. Refunds will be issued as follows:
  - Zero (0) games started = 75% of registration fee.
  - One (1) game started = 50% of registration fee.
  - Two (2) or more games started = no refund.
- ii. Should a team drop out of the tournament after the tournament schedule has been emailed to coaches, that team will not receive a refund.
- f. Tournament directors will make decisions regarding rainouts and championship decisions.

10. Equipment:

- a. Four (4) brand new game balls will be provided by the tournament officials upon team check in. If a ball is lost or damaged, replacement balls will be provided.

- b. Metal cleats will be permitted for 14U, 16U, 18U, and 18+ age divisions.
- c. Umpires may remove an illegal bat at their discretion.
- d. No jewelry will be permitted.
- e. No seeds, gum, chewing tobacco, or spitting will be permitted.

11. Trophies & Awards:

- a. Team and individual trophies will be awarded to first and second place in each age division.
- b. Teams and coaches are requested to remain for the presentation of the trophies following the championship game.
- c. The MVP medals will be awarded after pool play games.

12. Sportsmanship:

- a. No protests are allowed. The decision of the home plate umpire is final.
- b. Should an issue arise during a game, only the head coach should interact with the umpire.
- c. Inappropriate/unsportsmanlike behavior by any coach, player, or spectator, as determined by the umpires, tournament directors, or other tournament staff; will result in that individual being removed from the game, playing area, spectator area, or facility. Should this be a coach or player being removed, they will be removed for the duration of the game, as well as the next scheduled game.

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