



October Invitational Rules and Info

Check-in Information: Each Team MUST check-in at the Main Tournament Desk at least 1 hour before their first game. At check-in, teams must submit a copy of their teams insurance and COVID-19 waivers. Teams will receive players and coaches ID bracelets and three game balls.

Rules: We will be following USA rules with some exceptions. Teams may bat the roster and have free defensive substitutions. At the request of college coaches, players may bat consecutively or out of order. This should only happen at the request of a coach and not to gain a competitive advantage.

Showcase Format: 5 guaranteed games – 7 innings or drop dead at 1:30, whichever happens first

Lineups: You do not need to turn in lineups as showcase rules indicated there will be free substitution and unlimited batters in the batting order so the need for a official lineup is not necessary.

Game Time: Official game will end at 7 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes. Game time will start immediately after the coin toss.

Uniforms: Uniform shirts must be numbered. Pick up players may wear their original team's uniform. No jewelry other than post type earrings in ears is allowed. Post type earrings in ears may be worn but must be taped. Umpires will be the judge in jewelry matters. If the umpire deems the earring unsafe, then the player must remove them with no argument.

Protests: This is a non-protestable tournament. Rule disagreements will be settled at the time by the home plate umpire. Please don't argue. Remember the spirit of the event. College coaches don't want to spend their time watching arguments. Even though you may disagree with a call, adversity is a part of the game and college coaches want to see how players react and work through it.

Housekeeping: Please assist in keeping the dugouts clean for the next team, by picking up your trash after the game and placing it in the trash cans provided in the dugout.

Forfeits: Forfeits are to be avoided at all costs. If you are short a player (due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances) and need one to keep you from forfeiting, please contact the Tournament Desk or Tournament Director immediately. Temporary replacement players may be available, but we do need some notice. To avoid a forfeit, you are allowed to borrow a player from another team.

Dugout Assignments: Dugouts are claimed on a first come, first serve basis. Please observe the unwritten rules and proper etiquette of the game and occupy the dugout on the side of the field you are warming up on. **Home team is determined by coin toss.**

Weather Contingencies: In case of uncontrollable circumstances or interruptions due to weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the showcase format in any way necessary to reach a conclusion. This can include, but may not be limited to, shortened game times, fewer games guaranteed, or playing rule changes. Games interrupted might not be resumed. Everything possible will be done to get the players on the field as soon as possible.



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Your Responsibility: It is ultimately the responsibility of the team managers and coaches to verify their schedule daily to make sure that no changes have been made. We do what ever we can to make it easy for you to be notified of changes, but you must do your part. Please be diligent on a daily basis, especially if there have been circumstances that could cause schedule changes.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Managers/coaches are responsible for their own conduct and for that of their players, assistants and spectators. Abusive language and/or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in any degree. Coaches, players, and spectators may be ejected from the game if in violation of this rule. The initial "cooling off period" is the rest of the game. Any manager, coach, player or spectator who is ejected from a game may/will have their behavior reviewed by the Umpire in Chief and/or the Tournament Director, and the "cooling off period" may be extended from one game to the rest of the day and even to the rest of the tournament, depending on severity of conduct. Any manager, coach, or spectator who is ejected must leave the park for the duration of the cooling off period. A player who is ejected will be restricted to the dugout for any games during the cooling off period and will not be allowed to play in any games in any manner for the rest of the cooling off period. Managers/coaches may be held responsible for players and spectators behavior also. If any one who has been ejected fails to follow umpire instructions or fails to abide by the cooling off period, the team will be ejected from the tournament.

Warmup Area: Pre Game Warmup is to be conducted only in the Warm up areas or in the grass outfield areas on fields with temporary fencing. Any team may use any of these allowed areas.

In Addition there is to be no throwing of balls or batting in or near the sidewalk areas. There is to be no hitting of balls or throwing of balls into permanent or temporary fencing. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's mask (not a batting helmet).

Wristbands: All players must wear the appropriate colored wristband during the entire duration of the tournament. The wristbands will show that the players are eligible to play in the tournament. A limited number of extra wristbands will be available at the tournament desk if a band is lost or broken, but it is recommended that the players be extremely responsible with their wristbands for the duration of the event.

Official Ball: Game balls will be provided. Check the COVID-19 rules and guidelines for more details.

Pick-up Players: Teams are highly encouraged to bring more than 9 players to the tournament. Players may also play with more than 1 team in this event so long as they are playing up in age, not down (no 18U players playing on a 16U team).

Hotels: Southwest Showcases are stay and play events. We work with the event city and their local hotels to get competitive pricing for our teams and college coaches. As such, each non-local team is required to stay in only approved hotel properties. This is also part of our agreement with each city that we host our events at. Teams found to be staying at properties other than the approved properties stand to be removed from the event and no refund provided.