## **Sweet Onion Invitational 2024**

10U, 12U, & 14U Girls Softball Tournament June 15-16, 2024



**Coaches:** You must turn in your USA approved roster to the site director before the tournament or where you play your first game and leave a phone number where you can be reached over the weekend.

## USA rules will apply with the following exceptions:

- USA approved team rosters must be turned in prior to playing in your first game.
- Four (4) game guarantee: Pool Play Saturday, Bracket Play on Sunday.
- Coin flip will determine home and visiting team during pool play. The higher seed is home team during all bracket play including championship. Coin flip if both teams have the same seeding number.
- Team listed first on the schedule, or at top of bracket during bracket play, will occupy the first base dugout. Exception: if a team played the previous game on the same field they will remain in the same dugout.
- Home team is the official book. Please report the final score to the site director **within 20** minutes of game ending.
- Teams may hit their entire line-up and have free defensive substitutions for all games. If a player is injured and unable to play, their spot will be skipped in the lineup and no out will be recorded. (Injury rule does not apply to teams playing with only 9 players on roster)
- Run ahead rule: 12 after three innings, 10 after four innings, or 8 after 5 innings will be in effect for all games, including championship games.
- Time Limit: No new inning will begin after 1 hour 20 minutes, finish the inning. No time limit for the championship games.
- Ties: Will stand for pool play (extra innings may be played if under time limit)
  - The international tiebreaker will be used in the event of a tie after the time limit or 8<sup>th</sup> inning during bracket play.
- Three (3) pick-up players allowed per USA code. Must be USA registered players.
- All players must have matching or similar shirts or jerseys.
- Teams must stay off infield while grounds crew is preparing fields. Once grounds crew is off the infield, ground balls may be taken behind  $2^{nd}$  base.
- No hitting or throwing against fences.
- No hitting or swings in the OF grass playing area before game. All swings prior to game need to be taken in warm up areas.
- Protests will be handled by the UIC and tournament director
- Those displaying unsportsmanlike acts, including players, coaches and spectators will be removed from the tournament.
- All other USA rules will apply.
- 10U- Run limit of 5 per inning (No run limit for championship game only)
- Metal Cleats are allowed in the 14U division only.
- Seeding tie breakers:
  - 1. Record 2. Head-to-head 3. Total Runs Allowed 4. Total Run Differential 5. Coin Flip

## **Weather related Refunds:**

0 games played – Full Refund, 1 game played – Half Refund, 2<sup>nd</sup> game started – No Refunds

## Awards:

Awards for each bracket are as follows:  $1^{st}$  place in each bracket = t-shirts and trophy,  $2^{nd}$  place = trophy

Tournament apparel will be available to purchase on site at Mill Creek Sportsplex

**Tournament Directors:** Darci Bell (509) 301-7758 / Dave Meliah (509) 730-3709

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