

2025 Diamond Rat
Presented by MRG Hauff
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Pasley Park, Sioux Falls, SD

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Tournament Website

<https://www.siouxempirebaseball.org/diamontrat>

- Tournament information will be updated throughout the day

Tournament Information and Rules

- Age Limit
 - Option 1 - Players must be in fourth grade during the 2024-2025 School Year
 - Players cannot turn eleven years old prior to January 1, 2025
- Game Length
 - All games are scheduled for six innings
 - An 8-run rule is in effect after five innings
 - A 10-run rule is in effect after four innings
 - A 15-run rule is in effect after three innings
 - If a team reaches a 15 run lead while batting, they will be allowed to score three more runs that inning and then will return to defense.
 - Example 1: Offensive team starts the inning with a 10 run lead. The inning ends when they have an 18 run lead.
 - Example 2: Offensive team starts the inning with a 16 run lead. The inning ends when they have a 19 run lead.
 - Time Limit
 - No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes
 - Games may not end in a tie
 - Following the time-limit or six innings, the California Rule will be utilized until a winner has been determined
 - The last batter to complete their at-bat will be placed at second base and the team will begin with an out.
 - Pre-game infield / outfield is not allowed
- Player Pitch Rules
 - Games will be played on 60' bases with a 46' mound.
 - USA and USSSA bats will be allowed
 - Any illegal bat will be removed from the game and the batter will be declared out.
 - Appropriate appeal rule must be followed
 - Bunting and fake bunting is not allowed
 - Metal cleats are not allowed
 - Leading off is not allowed
 - The baserunner may leave once the ball crosses home plate
 - Home is closed
 - The unsecured third-strike rule will not be utilized

- A team may choose one of the following:
 - Roster Batting
 - All players are in the lineup, free substitution may be used defensively
 - NFHS DH Rule
 - A DH is allowed for any position player
 - EH Rule
 - A DH and EH may not be used at the same time
 - The EH is not allowed to play a position
 - Straight Nine Lineup
 - All nine position players are in the lineup
 - NFHS re-entry rules will be used
 - Starters may re-enter the game one time in their original batting position
 - Courtesy runners for pitcher and catcher are allowed
 - Must be a player who has not entered the game
 - Must be a different runner for each player
 - Roster batting teams may not courtesy run
 - The NFHS slide rule will be utilized
 - The infield fly rule will not be utilized
 - The following pitching rules are in place:
 - A pitcher may throw up to three innings per game
 - One pitch = one inning
 - A pitcher may throw up to six innings for the tournament
 - Pitching innings must be recorded and verified by the opposing coach following each game
 - There will be no restriction on pitch type
 - Balks will not be called
 - A team may utilize one intentional walk per game while on defense

Additional Information

- Home and Away will be pre-determined on the schedule
 - The home team will occupy the third base dugout unless the opponent is participating in the previous game
 - Home team is responsible for keeping official book
- Coaches are responsible for personal, player and fan behavior
- Unsportsmanlike behavior is subject to ejection from the game/tournament at the umpire's discretion
 - If a player/coach is ejected, they must sit out the following game
 - If a parent is ejected, they are to vacate the park for the remainder of the tournament
 - If a parent is ejected, the head coach is also ejected for that game
- No protests are allowed

Tournament Refund Policy

- Zero Games Played - \$200 Refund
- One Game Played - \$150 Refund
- Two or More Games Played - No Refund
 - Gate Fee Will Not Be Refunded

Tournament Admission Prices (Daily)

- Adults - \$10
- Middle School and High School Students - \$5
- Veterans - Free
- Elementary Students and Younger - Free

