

Badgerland Classic Tournament

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 2025 NAGAAA Player and team rating guidelines. Submit 2025 player ratings when completing official team roster.

- a. *C Division: No player rated over 14 with a team maximum of 130.*
- b. *D Division: No player rated over 10 with a team maximum of 95.*
- c. *E Division: No player rated over 6 with a team maximum of 60.*
- d. *The Tournament Director/Committee solely reserves the right to place/move teams into different divisions as they see fit to ensure the safest and fairest possible competition for all divisions.*

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 register prior to playing. You must be registered prior to your team's first game on Sunday.

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.

- a. 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.
- b. 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. Uniform exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case at the discretion of the Umpire or Tournament Director/Committee.

6. PRACTICE

No practice is permitted on the tournament fields.

7. SUBSTANCES

The use of alcohol or smoking is not permitted within a dugout/bench area or on a field of play.

- a. Must be 21 years of age to purchase or consume alcohol.
- b. 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.
- c. Outside alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the complex.

8. MINIMUM PLAYERS

Teams must start the game with at minimum 8 players.

- a. If a team plays with 8 players, the number 9 & 10 spot in the batting lineup is skipped. There are no automatic outs for not having a 9 or 10 batter.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Teams playing back to back games will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to move fields for consecutive games.
- e. 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 in the pavilion and designated locations.

10. HOME TEAM

Home team will be determined by the following:

- a. Coin toss for pool play games; the officiating umpire will determine who will call the coin toss.
- b. Higher seed for all winners' bracket games.
- c. Coin toss for all loser bracket games; the officiating umpire will determine who will call the coin toss.
- d. 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 IPS/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 home runs per game (2 limit), D division is limited to one home run per game (1 limit) and E division, No homeruns (0 limit). Any homerun over the limit is recorded as an out. Bowman Field 248 foot fence. Anything over is a ground rule double.

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/ADA 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. If you have an ADA runner, proper medical documentation needs to be submitted with rosters so the committee can review for approval. If approved, the ADA runner will have a runner from home plate using a runner that committed the last out. For the safety of the runner, the umpire will determine the placement of the runner.

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.

- a. No new inning shall start after 50 minutes in pool play, 55 minutes in tournament play, or 65 minutes in championship games and "if" games.
- b. 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.

- c. The international tie-breaker will be used in the event that tournament play ends 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 between two teams, the first tie breaker is head to head play with the winner receiving the higher seed. If the teams did not play or more than two teams are involved, it will be based on the least amount of runs allowed in your 3 pool play games. If there is still a tie, 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.

25. UMPIRES

Once a game begins, the game is under the jurisdiction of the umpire. Umpires shall have the authority to rule on any specific point not covered in these rules.

26. CONDUCT

As we encourage friendly competition, it is the umpire's decision to eject a player or coach for unsportsmanlike conduct. Ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct cannot be protested. Any player ejected from a game becomes ineligible for their next game if their team is still in the tournament or up to ejection from the tournament depending on the severity of the conduct.

27. CHEESE CUP

The first two teams that are knocked out during double elimination in the D and E Divisions will be entered into the Cheese Cup. There will be final games.

28. FMS SPIRIT AWARD

The umpires will choose which team showed the best spirit during the tournament. The trophy is in honor of Felicia Melton-Smyth who was a big supporter and advocate for Badgerland Softball and a member of the trans community. The winner of the FMS Spirit Award is allowed free entry to the following year's tourney.