

2026 Monti Classic Rules

GENERAL INFO:

- All games will be played at the Monticello High School softball fields. A field map can be found at the bottom of the rules with designated parking areas highlighted. ****No animals allowed at the fields outside of service animals.**
- In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify game times and durations.
- **Umpire decisions are final.** All protests will be settled on the field. Tournament Director's and/or the Umpire-In Chief's can be called upon to clarify, but decisions that the umpire made will be final.
- Heckling of the Umpire will not be allowed. The Coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If the heckling continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying within two minutes will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team.
- Games are limited to no new innings beginning after 65 minutes in pool play and 60 minutes in bracket play. Official time is kept by the umpire. Umpires will check time at the end of each inning after the last out is made or the 5th run is scored. Umpires ruling on time is final.

TOURNAMENT RULES: Unless otherwise noted or modified in these rules, USA Softball rules will apply.

- The home team will be decided by a ball roll or coin flip at umpire's discretion in all games
- Teams will bat all players and defensive substitutions are unlimited. There is a maximum of 5 runs per inning (**pool and bracket play**).
- 10U Only: 5 warm-up pitches allowed in each inning. A new pitcher gets 5 warm-up pitches unless there has been an injury, and then the new pitcher is allowed unlimited warm-up pitches.
- There are no restrictions to the number of innings/pitches a pitcher may pitch.
- Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher, catcher or an injured player. Courtesy runners may be the last out, or the last player due to bat that is not on base.
- Starting time is to be acknowledged by both coaches and on-field umpires.
- A 12-run rule will be in effect after three innings and a 10-run rule after four innings.
- In pool play, games can end in a tie. In bracket play (10U only), if a game is tied, the game will be decided using the International Tie-breaking Rule (*start the inning with a runner on second and 2 outs*).
- Any team's failure to follow rules will be brought before the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Site Coordinator for clarification and resolution.
- The strike zone will be from the armpits to the knees & width of the plate plus a ball. The umpires will discuss the strike zone prior to each game.

10U Specific Rules

- All above rules apply.
- In all 10U pool play games, the batter is not allowed to advance to first base on dropped third strikes.
- In 10U Platinum bracket games, the batter may advance to first base on dropped third strikes. In 10U Gold & Silver bracket games, the batter may not advance to first base on dropped third strikes.
- Umpires will communicate to coaches prior to all games whether or not the rule will be used.

8U Specific Rules

The same above applies EXCEPT:

- All pitching will be from a pitching machine. There are no walks; the player will receive 4 quality pitches from the machine. The player can either strike out (after swinging at 3 pitches) or hit the ball into play. (4 pitches is not guaranteed if the player strikes out) If they hit a foul ball on the third strike, they will continue hitting until they either strike out or hit the ball into play.

- In 8u there is no bunting.
- Neither batters nor runners may advance on dropped third strikes.
- The player playing in the pitcher position must remain within 3' on the right or left side of the pitching machine until the batter hits the ball.
- All outfielders should start all plays with at least one foot touching the outfield grass.
- No more than 10 players are allowed on the field at one time. You may play with 4 outfielders
- A ball hit in the infield, the runners may advance 1 base.
- A ball hit in the outfield a runner may take additional bases until the ball is thrown or motion of throwing the ball is made. As soon as the ball is thrown by a fielder, the runner needs to stop at the base they are running to. There just needs to be a motion of a throw, the direction does not matter.
- No stealing is permitted. Sliding is permitted and recommended at home or any plate if the play is close.
- Teams are required to bat the full roster with unlimited substitutions. No player can sit twice until all players have sat once. Only one batter will be allowed to warm up at a time. No throwing of the bats allowed.
- Batters will not be allowed to take a base if hit by a pitch. Each batter will either strike out or hit the ball.
- Up to 2 coaches are allowed in the outfield on defense. This means at least as deep as the outfielders are supposed to be playing.

Tournament Format – 10U

- Each team will play 2 pool play games on Saturday followed by 3 bracket games on Sunday.
- Each team's 'Strength of Schedule' will be as similar as possible in pool play.
- After pool play, Platinum, Gold, and Silver brackets are formed and released based on teams' pool play record. First tie-breaker is Head-to-head, then Runs Allowed, followed by tie-breaker of Runs Scored and the last tie-breaker will be a coin toss.
- Bracket play will be three brackets: Platinum, Gold & Silver. Each will be a full multi-level eight team bracket, with each team playing three bracket games.
- Each team's final game will be either a bracket championship, third place game, consolation championship or 7th place game.
- Tournament championship rings will be awarded to 1st place in the platinum bracket. Medals will be awarded to 2nd place in the platinum bracket along with 1st & 2nd in the Gold/Silver brackets and the consolation champion in all three brackets.
- Unpaid Mosta Berths are awarded to 1st and 2nd place in both the Platinum & Gold brackets.

Tournament Format – 8U

- Each team will play 3 total games in a pool play format on Saturday. **There will be no bracket play games for 8U following pool play.**
- Each team's 'Strength of Schedule' will be as similar as possible.
- Medals will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each pool. First tie-breaker is head-to-head, second is runs allowed, followed by runs scored and the last tie-breaker will be a coin toss.
- A ball roll will be used in all games to determine home team.
- For 8U, we will have youth umpires. All umpire decisions are final.
- Unpaid Mosta Berths are awarded to 1st place in each pool.

For any questions on the rules or clarification before/during the tournament, please reach out to Ashley Brevig (763-670-2438, ashley.cyrene@gmail.com)

(Field & Parking map below)



Recommended parking:

Fields 1-3- park in the Monticello High School parking lot (highlighted in red)

Fields 4-5- park by the Monticello baseball field (highlighted in purple)

Fields 6-7- park behind Eastview Education Center (highlighted in green)