

SKSA TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES HIERARCHY

Play governed by Official Baseball Rules (Sporting News), unless modified by Nations Baseball Official National By-Laws and Rules, unless modified by Texas Nations Tournament Rules shall apply unless otherwise specified herein or amended by Tournament Director. Please ask for clarification of any rule/situation prior to game time. Rulings and/or interpretations by Tournament Director shall be final once any situation is addressed during a game.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- A Gate fee of \$100 per team will be collected prior to any team competing in their first game.
- A \$15 convenience fee will be collected for all online payments. This charge is non-refundable when refunds are provided.
- Park rules will be strictly enforced. No pets, scooters, skateboards or other wheeled riding devices of any kind will be allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the park. Service animals will be allowed.
- Teams will not be scheduled if team is not registered and paid, by 12 Midnight on Sunday prior to the start of the event. Teams that withdraw prior to scheduling will be refunded in full. A team that withdraws after schedules have been completed is subject to NO refund.
- Schedules will be posted no later than the Tuesday prior to the tournament unless delayed by situations beyond our control.
- Game balls will be provided.
- Metal spikes may be worn only by players competing in age groups 13U and higher.
- Spikes of any kind are not allowed to be used on any portable pitching surface in use. The Tournament Director will notify any team scheduled to compete on a portable mound prior to the start of the tournament.
- Tournament games, schedules and brackets may be modified at the Tournament Director's sole discretion due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Games may be scheduled to start as early as 5pm on Friday and 7:30am on Saturday and Sunday. Earlier start times (if necessary) will be posted prior to tournament scheduling to allow for teams to withdraw or place no play requests.
- All teams must check in with a tournament official prior to their first game. The umpires will not begin a team's first game if they have not checked in.
- Soft toss is allowed only in designated areas of the park. Warm up areas are provided on a first come basis. Please limit the use of the common warm-up areas to 20 minutes if there are other teams waiting to use them. There will be no soft toss of any kind allowed into any fences and there will be no soft toss of any kind allowed in the infield OR outfield grass at any park.

- All protests will be handled on the field at the time of the infraction. The Umpire and Tournament Director will resolve any disputed rules violations immediately. The decision of the Tournament Director is FINAL. There will be NO games played under protest at any time.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their fans and will be expected to address any inappropriate behavior IMMEDIATELY. Negative comments, or heckling of any opponent is prohibited and may result in ejection and/or suspension from the remainder of the tournament. SPORTSMANSHIP PENALTY: The umpire may begin to call balls or strikes every 10 seconds on the team not complying, and will continue until the problem is corrected. PROFANITY WILL BE CAUSE FOR EJECTION
- Ejections:
 - Any manager, coach, player or fan ejected from the game must leave the field or park immediately at the umpires discretion and will serve a mandatory 1 game suspension. Based on the circumstances involved the length of the suspension may be increased at the Tournament Director's sole discretion.
 - Any manager, coach, player or fan ejected will be permitted to return only after a ruling of the Tournament Director AND posting of a \$100 CASH Sportsmanship deposit. The deposit will be returned at the end of the tournament if there are no further incidents with the same individual.
 - A second ejection will result in the immediate forfeiture of the deposit and will result in the individual being banned from any SKSA facility or event until a written request is received and approved by the SKSA Tournament Director and the SKSA Baseball Board. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for the team at question.
- Team and Individual awards for 1st and 2nd place will be provided. Consolation awards may be provided should circumstances warrant. Consolation play may be included for any division exceeding 8 teams, however a minimum of 50% of all teams in a division will advance to the Championship Bracket
- Teams may register at www.nations-baseball.com for all tournaments. Payment for all tournaments is due no later than 7 days prior to the start of the event. When specific age groups exceed the capacity of our fields will continue to allow teams register and we will accept all teams on a first paid basis until our maximum capacity has been reached. We do NOT use wait lists. All teams registered for any age group that does not make will be refunded in full.
- Tournaments that are canceled or shortened due to weather will be refunded on the following schedule:
 - No games played – Entry fee less \$50
 - 1 game played – Entry fee less \$50 divided by 3 equals the cost per game, times 2 games equals the refund amount
 - 2 games played – Entry fee less \$50 divided by 3 equals the cost per game times 1 game equals the refund amount
 - 3 or more games played – NO refund
 - If the outcome is recorded in the standings then the game is considered as completed