

2021 Ooltewah Unicorns Rec/Rec-Allstar Summer Tournament

RULES AND GUIDELINES

TEAM REGISTRATION

- Team must consist of Rec players from Scenic City spring 2021 teams, Chattanooga RBI summer league or similar rec organization. Team can be a regular rec or a combined rec (all-star) team
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COACH PASSES

- Each team will be provided with free entry for **THREE** coaches. Sign in at the gate.
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FOOD/BEVERAGES

- Concessions (hot and cold food) and Snow Daze snow cones will be available at the park
 - Please refrain from bringing outside food into the park. This is a fundraising tournament.
 - One team cooler allowed.
 - No alcoholic beverages allowed.
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HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM and EQUIPMENT

- Coin toss determines home team in pool play. Higher seed determines home seed in bracket play.
- Home team is the official scorekeeper.
- The visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard.
- Dugouts are “first come – first serve.”
- Line-ups should be completed 15 minutes before the start of the game.
- Each team must provide two quality softball per game. One new and one used is preferred. Softballs shall be 47 core 375 compression.
- A player found to be using an illegal bat is an automatic out.
- Teams must have 8 players to play a legal game. If a team is missing a 9th batter, it is an automatic out when the 9th batter spot comes up.

UMPIRES/PARENTS

- The umpires are in charge of the game. Excessive arguing or abuse from a coach, parent, or player will not be tolerated. Coaches are responsible for players and parents. Please make sure they are under control and represent your team well.
 - The umpire’s decision on any judgment call is final. Rule interpretations should be discussed with the umpire in charge of the tournament and not the tournament directors.
 - Protests are \$150 cash.
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PLAYER, COACH, OR FAN EJECTIONS

- In the event an umpire ejects a player, coach or fan for unruly behavior, the following is expected:
 - The ejected person will immediately leave the area.
 - Upon the umpire's discretion, if the ejected person does not leave in an immediate and timely fashion, the team of the ejected person will be declared the loser of the game.
 - Should the team of the ejected person be winning at the time of the game is declared over, their game will be recorded as a 7-0 loss.
 - Should the team of the ejected person be losing at the time of the game is declared over, the game will be recorded as a 7-0 loss, or current score if the current score is equal to or greater than a 7 run differential.
 - If an ejected coach, player, or fan approaches an umpire after the completion of the game, and continues to engage in argumentative behavior, he/she will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
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RUN RULE

- There is a max of 5 runs per inning for all age groups.
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GAME TIE BREAKERS

- During pool play games, if a game is tied after time limit and innings, the game shall end as a tie.
 - In bracket play, should a game be tied after time expires or after the maximum allotted innings, the last batted out of the previous inning will start the inning on 2nd base, with no outs. Each additional inning needed to determine a winner will be played using this format.
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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Weather permitting; each team will play 2 pool games, followed by a seeded single elimination bracket.
 - Seeding will be based on the following: Record, Head to Head, then Runs Allowed, Run Differential and Runs Scored. This is done to reward teams for good defense. (Example: 2 teams finish with a 2-0 record. Team A won its games 2-1 and 3-2. Team A gave up 3 runs and posted a run differential of +2. Team B won its games 10-2 and 8-5. Team B gave up 7 runs and posted a run differential of +11. Team A would be the higher seed since they gave up less runs.
 - Pool play games are 60 minutes. Bracket games are 70 minutes.
 - Tournament officials reserve the right to alter or change tournament formats when necessary due to weather or other circumstances to ensure the completion of the tournament.
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MISC

- Prior to the start of play - Tournament information, schedules, and updates will be posted online at: <https://www.ooltewahyouth.com/Default.aspx?tabid=888799>
- Once play begins - all updates will be posted on site at the tournament.

- PARKING: Do NOT park on the driveway entering the park. This is a safety violation and prevents emergency vehicles from entering the park quickly when someone needs attention. Violators risk being towed.
- Overflow parking is available in the grassy area to the left of Field 6. See the map here:
<https://www.ooltewahyouth.com/Default.aspx?tabid=712093>

LINEUP RULES

- Lineups shall be exchanged between teams before the game begins.
 - Only 10 players are allowed on the field on defense.
 - A team may bat only 10, with all other players being substitutions. SUBS should be clearly marked on the line-up card.
 - A team may bat 11, which includes 10 position players plus an extra hitter (EH). The EH can enter the game at will on defense and it is not considered a substitution. All other players are SUBS. EH and SUBS should be clearly marked on the line-up card.
 - Continuous batting (CBO) is optional for all age groups.
 - If CBO is used, all players may enter and leave the game at will on defense.
 - The batting lineup must remain the same the entire game.
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COURTESY RUNNER

- A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher.
 - If there are 2 outs in the inning, the catcher must use a courtesy runner.
 - The courtesy runner will be the last batted out in CBO or a SUB. If it is in the 1st inning and no outs have been made, then it will be the last batter in the lineup (CBO). A substitute player being used as a courtesy runner does not constitute entry into the game.
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SPECIFIC AGE GROUP RULES:

6u:

- 5 pitches, 5 strikes (no tee) - if a batter fouls off the 5th/last pitch, the at bat continues
- No bunting or leading off
- Pitcher must keep one foot in the circle
- Must have 6 infielders on defense. Catcher must have a helmet or face mask.
- 1 Coach allowed behind players in RF, 1 Coach allowed behind players in LF and 1 Coach allowed in foul territory just outside of their dugout to coach infield defense.

8u:

- 5 pitches, 3 strikes (no DH) - if a batter fouls off the 5th/last pitch, the at bat continues
- Bunting or slap hitting is allowed
- No leading off
- Pitcher must keep one foot in the circle

- Must have 6 infielders on defense. Catcher must have a helmet or face mask & a chest protector
- 1 Coach allowed behind players in RF, 1 Coach allowed behind players in LF and 1 Coach allowed in foul territory just outside of their dugout to coach infield defense

10u:

- Pitching rubber distance is 35 feet
- Stealing bases: player can steal when the ball crosses the plate
- Player will be able to steal one base at a time, even on wild throws or walks (per pitch)
- Infield fly rule is not in effect and not enforced
- Hesitation rule is in effect and being enforced
- A request for an intentional walk can be made prior to or during the at-bat by the defensive coach or catcher

*For any other rule not listed on this sheet, 2021 Dizzy Dean Softball rules apply

VOICE ENHANCEMENTS AND NOISE MAKERS

No enhanced voice controllers are allowed (example: bullhorn). A team is allowed to use a microphone and speaker system to introduce their players if desired, but is not allowed to use the system while plays are ongoing (i.e. once the umpire signals to the pitcher to deliver his pitch). Any artificial noise makers intended to disrupt the opposing team is prohibited. We encourage everyone to cheer on their team, but discourage any type of behavior that can be interpreted as unsportsmanlike.

Awards:

Rings for Champions and Finalist

IF TOURNAMENT IS NOT COMPLETED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Awards will only be handed out if bracket is completed thru the semi finals. The higher seed in the championship will be awarded 1st and the lower seed will be awarded 2nd.