



## **2018 Rumble on the River 14U-18U Tournament Rules**

### **General Rules**

1. This tournament offers berths to the NAFA Nationals to the top four highest placing teams in each age group that are qualified. Teams have the option to accept or not.
2. All teams **MUST** submit completed, (JO Softball rosters) printed copy of the roster at check-in. Rosters must be submitted at check-in at tournament headquarters sites at least 60 minutes prior to your first game. Mississippi Valley Pride provides all game balls.
3. Tournament is pool play on Friday and Saturday and single elimination on Sunday. Pool standings will be determined by won-loss record. First tie-breaker will be head-to-head competition; second tie-breaker will be least runs allowed; third tie-breaker will be run differential (runs scored versus runs allowed); final tie-breaker will be coin toss.

4. Pool play games may end in a tie. Bracket games on Sunday will require a winner. Games tied at the end of seven innings or tied at the end of the time limit will go into the international rule tie-breaker only in Bracket games.
5. A coin flip at the start of each game will decide the home and visiting team status. Home team will keep official score book and is responsible for ensuring umpire has official score.
6. Any team not on the field and ready to play within five minutes of their game start time will ***forfeit the game***, unless there is a previous game delay or other tournament-related delays.
7. All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the tournament director.
8. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, the Tournament Director has the right to adjust the format of this event. All parties will be duly notified via the MVP facebook, twitter accounts and numbers taken at registration will be send a text of the changes.
9. We will be posting the bracket pairings for Sunday as soon as we get all of the scores in from the teams in your pool. Check at the tournament concession area at your field location.

Tournament Director Kevin Heit will be available all three days.

You can call him on his cell phone at the numbers below or check with the Site Coordinator at your location with any questions.

**Kevin Heit 715-495-5491**

## **18U Rules**

1. Games will be seven innings in length with time limits. No new inning will start after 75 minutes, except for championship games on Sunday, which have no time limit. Tie-breaker rule will be invoked if game is tied after regulation innings and time limit has not been reached. Pool play games can end in a tie if time runs out (i.e. 75-minute rule).
2. Run Rule: 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; eight runs after five innings.
3. 18U divisions play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc.
4. 18U pitching distance will be 43 feet

## **16U Rules**

1. Games will be seven innings in length with time limits. No new inning will start after 75 minutes, except for championship games on Sunday, which have no time limit. Tie-breaker rule will be invoked if game is tied after regulation innings and time limit has not been reached. Pool play games can end in a tie if time runs out (i.e. 75-minute rule).
2. Run Rule: 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after 4 innings; eight runs after 5 innings.
3. 16U divisions play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc.
4. 16U pitching distance will be 43 feet.

## **14U Rules**

1. Games will be seven innings in length with time limits. No new inning will start after 75 minutes, except for championship games on Sunday, which have no time limit. Tie-breaker rule will be invoked if game is tied after regulation innings and time limit has not been reached. Pool play games can end in a tie if time runs out (i.e. 75-minute rule).
2. Run Rule: 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; eight runs after five innings.
3. 14U divisions have the option to play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc. Teams may choose to bat all players as well. This must be designated at the start of the game to opposing coach and umpire.
5. 14U pitching distance will be 43 feet.