

CFSA Tournament & Park Rules

Rulings and/or interpretations by Tournament Director shall be final once any situation is addressed during a game. The following supersede Nations South Texas Rules and ONLY apply to facilities used by CFSA.

Registration

- Payment is due by the Monday prior to the event (6pm). Payment can be made either online thru Nations (the service charge of \$20 is non-refundable) or mail / drop off at the CFSA office. All checks are to be made out to CFSA; include age and tournament name. Address is 11111 Huffmeister Road Houston, TX 77065. If the office is closed place check in an envelope and place thru the mail slot.
- Teams not paid by Monday cutoff will be dropped. If you are dropped by mistake please contact the TD as soon as possible.
- No-play requests will be accepted at most events (unless otherwise specified). There will be 2 maximum and are to be submitted by email to tournaments@cy-fairsports.org. There are NO guarantees; we will do our best to honor the requests keeping in mind the seeding formula generated by Nations. No-play requests will not be accepted after Monday prior to the event as scheduling will begin the following day.
- Pool play schedules should be available by the Wednesday prior with brackets following on Thursday at the latest.
- Teams that withdraw prior to scheduling will be refunded in full.
- Teams that withdraw after schedules have been posted will NOT receive a refund.

General

- Protests of the rules will be handled on the field at the time the issue comes up. If you feel this is necessary ask the umpire to stop play and request the TD to the field. The umpire(s) and TD will review and make an immediate decision. The decision made by the TD is **final**. NO games can be played under protest. Judgment calls made by the umpire(s) are not grounds for a protest; only rule interpretations.
- The individual that conducts the plate meeting with the umpire(s) before the game is considered the team manager and is the only one allowed to ask for time during the game to review a call made by the umpire(s). Make sure all the coaches on the field are aware of this.
- Any division that exceeds 12 teams is subject to be divided into a championship bracket and consolation bracket. Once the team count is set it will be noted on the Nations tournament page for that tournament.
- Individual awards for 1st and runner-up will be provided typically. Depending on size of the event additional awards and consolation awards may be provided.
- Home team for the championship game will be by higher seed.
- 5-8u Championship games that start after 8pm will be played full innings or 1 hour 15 minutes, whichever comes first.
- 9-14u Championship games that start after 8pm will be played the full innings or 2 hours, whichever comes first. Games starting after 8:30pm will be played the full innings or 1 hour 40 minutes, whichever comes first.
- Game balls will be provided.
- Due to inclement weather the tournament director may have to do the following in order to get the most games in with the facilities available: game times may be reduced as needed; schedules may be altered and no-play requests will not be taken into account; bracket play may be reduced; guaranteed games not played will be refunded.
- There is no team check-in.
- Roster additions must be completed by 12pm on the Friday of the tournament. The tournament director must approve any roster additions after that or that player is an illegal player. No additions will be allowed after Saturday at 10pm for the remainder of the event.

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Facilities

- All facilities will have concessions available. Therefore personal coolers are discouraged. Team coolers for the players will be allowed as long as they are placed in the dugout area.
- No pets, scooters, skateboards or other wheeled riding devices of any kind will be allowed. Service animals are allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the facility.
- Pre-game warm-ups are only allowed in designated areas or the outfield of the field the team is scheduled to play at. No warm-ups allowed on the infields.
- Soft toss of any kind is NOT allowed into any fencing.
- Batting cages are available at some facilities and are first come first serve basis. Be reasonable with your time so other teams have an opportunity.

Conduct

- The team manager is responsible for the behavior of their fans and other coaches on the field and is expected to address any inappropriate behavior immediately.
- Negative comments, cursing or heckling of any opponents is prohibited and may result in an ejection and/or suspension from the remainder of the game or tournament.
- Teams wasting time between innings for any reason may result in the following: The umpire may begin calling balls or strikes every 10 seconds on the team not complying and will continue until the problem is corrected.
- ***At discretion of the CFSA Tournament Director, a coach, player, spectator or whole team may be removed from the remainder of the and / or future CFSA Tournaments for any acts and / or threats of physical violence.***
- **Ejections:** Any manager, coach, player or fan ejected from the game must leave the field of play or stands immediately – GO to the parking lot until the game is completed (if a player is ejected, he/she may just be removed to the dugout or stands). The umpire(s) will inform the tournament director after the game of who was ejected and for what reason. The tournament director will review the situation and determine the outcome. Failure to comply will result in the team forfeiting the game in which the infraction occurred.
 - **Player ejection:** the player may be suspended for the next game or for the remainder of the tournament. A second ejection of the same player results in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the tournament.
 - **Manager, coach or fan ejection:** A \$100 retainer must be given to the TD before they can return for the next game. The retainer must be cash ONLY. The retainer will be given back if there are no other altercations during the tournament. A second ejection of the same person will result in the loss of the retainer and the individual will not be allowed on any CFSA facility for the remainder of the tournament.

Baseball Bats

The following bat rule is in effect at all Nations Events in the Houston/South Texas area.

1. In ages 14u and below bats with the new BPF 1.15 stamp (on the transition are between barrel and handle) is legal, regardless of weight and composition.
2. Bats with the old Little League approved stamp (2 ¼" barrel, no composite) on the barrel under the manufacturers' model name, will be legal until July 31, 2012.
3. In 14u bats must either be a BPF 1.15 –5 bat OR a BBCOR bat (BESR-3 bats are NOT legal).
4. 15u and above must use a HFHS (high school) legal BBCOR bat.

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Penalty:

- a) If a batter steps into the batters box with a bat that is determined to be illegal, the batter is out.
- b) If the ball is put into play and it is determined the bat is illegal; the batter-runner will be declared out and all runners must return to the last base legally occupied prior to the play. No run may score on this play. Any outs that result from the play will stand.

Games at Schiel Road

This facility does not have lights and is used for ages 14-18u only (high school dimensions). Games can start as early as 30 minutes after sunrise and must end by dusk. The TD and the umpires will let teams know the drop dead time if the game is continuing towards dusk. Due to the daylight constraints the championship game may be subject to a time limit. Due to daylight constraints no-play requests are limited.