



# Welcome to the 2024 “Badger Bash” Fastpitch Tournament

Welcome! On behalf of the Jr Badgers, we would like to welcome all of this year's teams for being part of the 2024 “Badger Bash” Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament. We ask everyone to make this truly a great tournament weekend by your display of good sportsmanship, whether winning or losing. Good sportsmanship is contagious – for adults and children. Let’s all catch it and enjoy!

## Sportsmanship

- It is the responsibility of the coaches and/or team managers to control their players, parents and fans.
- Umpires and/or the Tournament Coordinator reserves the right to eject any player, coach or fan from the tournament at any time.
- Poor sportsmanship by a player, coach or fan may result in a game forfeit or team ejection from the tournament, with no refund. Anyone ejected from the tournament will not be allowed back.

## Umpires and Appeals

- Umpires’ judgment calls may not be appealed. Interpretation of rules by umpires may be appealed by the head coach only during games by calmly talking to the umpires. There are no appeals of calls or results to the Tournament Coordinator during or after the game.
- 16U will have two umpires for all games. If a 2nd umpire is not available or does not show, the game shall be played with one umpire.

## Registration

- Registration is handled through Bracket Team. Proof of birth and proof of insurance is required to be available if requested.

## Player Eligibility

- A player’s age shall not exceed the maximum dictated by the division of play. The age cut-off will be that which is dictated by USSSA fastpitch softball. According to USSSA, a player's age as of December 31st determines the age in which the player is eligible to play the following year.
- Teams using ineligible players will forfeit all games and be excused from the tournament, without refund, at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator.

### Concussions

- Concussions – Very Important: If a player shows signs of having a concussion after a situation of play and is acting off. The umpires are trained, “when in doubt pull them out”. Jr Badgers will stand behind the umpire’s decision. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our players safe whatever the outcome.

### Concessions

- We will offer a full range of concessions including, muffins, fruit, water, Gatorade, soda, hot dogs, brats, and more at Badger High School field location. Please enjoy, as this is a major source of revenue for our tournament!

### Tournament Format

- This is a 4 Game Guarantee tournament (3 pool play games and single elimination bracket play). To keep all games moving and on time, games will be as follows....
- Pool and Bracket play games: 7 innings or when the 75 minute time limit has expired. If an inning has started before the 75 minute mark, the full inning must be completed. NO DROP DEAD times. Run-ahead rules will apply.
- Championship games: 7 innings or when the 105 minute time limit has expired. If an inning has started before the 105 minute mark, the full inning must be completed. NO DROP DEAD times. Run ahead rules will apply.
- Ties: Pool play games can end in a tie
- Tie breaker rule for bracket and championship games – International tie-breaker (follow [USSSA Rules](#))

### Seeding Criteria

- Record in pool play
- Head to head in pool play
- Least number of runs allowed in pool play
- Run differential (no more than +/-15 per game)
- Coaches coin flip
- 16U – 1st and 2nd place in each pool advance to the Gold Bracket (4 teams). 3rd and 4th place in each pool advance to the Silver bracket (4 teams).
- Tie breakers are determined as noted above.

### Inclement weather policy

- The Tournament Coordinator reserves the right to change the format of the tournament in the event that it is shortened due to inclement weather.
- Pool and Bracket game schedules may be adjusted in order to complete the tournament. Every attempt to complete the tournament on their scheduled days will be made.
- In the event of a rainout prior to or during the championship game, the higher seeded teams from pool play who have not been eliminated in bracket play, will receive the 1st and 2nd place trophies respectively. Also, 4 complete innings will constitute a complete game for semi-final and championship games if a rainout cancels the remainder of the tournament.

- Team Managers are responsible for staying in contact with tournament staff in the event of inclement weather. All communications will be coming through Tourney Machine, so please ensure your coaches, families and friends have access to the site. You need to “follow” your team to ensure communications come to you.

#### Tournament Field Location

- For our tournament we use Badger High School’s turf field located at 220 East South St Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

#### Badger Bash Refund Policy

- Teams that withdraw from the tournament will forfeit their registration fee unless a replacement team is found.
- A \$25 administration fee will be deducted from the returned registration fee.
- If no games are played 90% of registration fees will be refunded, if only one game is played 50% of registration fees will be refunded.
- If more than one game is started no registration fees will be refunded.

#### 2024 “Badger Bash” Tournament Game Rules

USSSA Rules will apply.

- 1) Official Game Scorebook: Pool play, home and visitor is determined by a coin flip. Team coming from the farthest distance calling. Bracket play, the home team is the higher seeded team. The Home team will keep the official scorebook.
- 2) Official Line up: (9) players constitute an official line-up. A team may play any portion or all of a game with eight (8) players. An “out” shall be declared each time the “vacated” 9th spot in the order comes up. Exception: An “out” for a vacated ninth position shall not be declared if there are already two outs in an inning and the batter(s) preceding the ninth vacated spot walked.
- 3) Continuous Batting: For pool play games, continuous batting order is mandatory for all age groups. For bracket play, continuous batting order is optional for 16U.
- 4) DP/ Flex or EP (extra player): Optional for 16U bracket play only.
- 5) Free defensive substitutions: You are not required to report defensive substitutions when batting a continuous lineup. However, you cannot change the batting lineup once it is reported to the umpire.
- 6) Illness or injury: If a player leaves the continuous batting lineup or base running duties at any point in the game (with the exception of the courtesy runner rule). That player will not be allowed to return to the game. However, when batting the entire lineup, no out will be charged to a team when a player leaves the batting lineup. The lineup will simply be condensed and the game will continue. If a player becomes ill/injured while running bases, courtesy runner rules will apply (last out) and the player leaving the game is not allowed to return to the game.
- 7) Forfeits: A team that does not field at least 8 players within the 10 minute grace period of the scheduled game time will be assessed a forfeit and a loss. A forfeit will be determined as a LOSS with the forfeiting showing no runs scored and 7 runs allowed. The winning team will be credited with a WIN with zero runs allowed and 7 runs scored.

8) Run Ahead Rule: There will be a “run-ahead” rule for all pool, bracket and championship games – 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5 completed innings.

9) Pitching Mound distances:, 16U-43', 18U-43'

10) Metal cleats: Not allowed on turf fields.

11) Helmets: must be worn by all base runners on deck hitters. Bat boys/girls must wear helmets at all times. Players warming up a pitcher must wear a helmet and mask.

12) Jewelry: Allowed for 16U.

13) Awards: Gold and Silver Brackets, 1st and 2nd place awards will be awarded for each Bracket.