

Rec/All-Star Rules

Tournament Rules

This is a Recreation/All-Star event. ALL players must come from a 2026 Recreation program. All-Star Rosters are Due June 5th, 2026. See Player and Team Eligibility

Check-In Information:

- 1. All rosters and waivers must be complete and parent/guardian accepted on your team's Tourney Team Account by 5 pm the evening before the event start date. *Parent emails MUST be entered on the online roster so that parents/guardians can read and approve. We will not accept coaches' emails being submitted for all players - this will result in a coach's warning and possible forfeiture until corrected.**
- 2. A copy of the team insurance policy needs to be uploaded onto your Tourney Team account under the "MANAGE FILES" tab. The Rec team can get this info from their Recreation Director. * D1 Prospects must be added and an additional insured to your policy: D1 Prospects, P.O. Box 546, Mona, UT 84645**
- 3. Coaches: By registering and participating in D1-PROSPECT events, you are confirming that your team is legally equipped and that players and equipment comply with all D1-Prospect and NFHS rules.**

Weather:

D1 Prospects will make every effort to avoid cancellations or rescheduling of any kind. However, there are unforeseen circumstances that may prevent an event from completing or, in some cases, starting (Weather and Acts of God). D1 Prospects, partners, directors, and volunteers reserve the right to alter, change, or abbreviate the games and schedule when/if they deem necessary to complete the event.

Game Start Time:

Games are considered "STARTED" once the Coin Flip or Plate meeting has been completed. Games will be considered completed at 45 minutes for pool play and 52 minutes for bracket play, or 3 innings, whichever comes first. If the home team is unable to finish the inning due to weather or unforeseen conditions, the score will revert back to the last completed inning

PROTESTS:

Protesting the application of a rule only. Judgment calls are Non-Protestable. Protests on a judgment call will not be allowed, and no fee will be accepted. Protests require a \$100 fee made to D1 Prospects and will be settled by the protest committee. The Protest Committee will be made up of any part of the following: tournament director, tournament UIC, site director, or any of their designees. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited. All Decisions are final

- a. Coaches shall immediately notify the plate umpire of his/her intent to protest before the next pitch. If the game ends (legal contest) in a situation that can be protested, the offended team must voice its protest intentions before the umpires exit the playing field.**
- b. Protests made during a game will be decided on before the game is allowed to continue**
- c. Protests on a rule or procedural interpretations must be made before the next pitch and will be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. The clock will continue to run.**
- d. A protest on a tournament procedure or player's eligibility must be made before the umpires vacate the field of play of THE GAME IN QUESTION.**
- e. An Illegal Player protest can be made at any time by the current offended team while the player in question is in the game and before the umpires leave the playing field.**

Player Eligibility and All-Star Qualifications

A player's age eligibility is determined by their age as of August 31st of the prior year (ie, 08/31/2025). A player may always play up age divisions, but cannot play under their eligible age division. No player may play with more than one roster during the event.

1. All-Star Season Timeline (2026)

- **All-Star season begins: June 1, 2026**
- **Final All-Star rosters due: June 5, 2026**

Clarification:

- **The June 5 roster is FINAL and LOCKED**
- **No additions, substitutions, or replacements after this date**
- **Players competing at State must be on the official submitted roster**

2. 8U Division Clarification

- **All 8U age division events are considered All-Star events**

3. All-Star Team Requirements

- **All players must come from the same recreation league**
- **Teams must be able to provide an official league roster if requested**

Clarification:

- **Teams must be true recreation All-Star teams**
- **No combining players from multiple leagues to form a roster**

4. All-Star Eligibility

To qualify as an All-Star team:

- **No participation in accelerated events is allowed from April 1, 2026 (current season) through the State Tournament**
- **All players/teams must have participated in a minimum of TWO (2) D1 All-Star Qualifying events**

Clarification:

- **Participation in accelerated events during this window results in ineligibility**
- **Teams must play in at least 2 D1 qualifiers to be eligible for State**

5. Pick-Up Rules (Qualifier Events Only)

Teams requesting a pick-up must meet ALL of the following:

- **Must come from within the same recreation league**
 - *Must provide the league roster verifying eligibility*
- **Must NOT have participated in more than two accelerated events**
- **Teams with 10 rostered players will NOT be approved for a pick-up without Director approval**
- **Pick-ups may NOT be used as a pitcher or catcher**

Clarification*:

- Pick-ups are intended for roster shortages only, not competitive advantage
- All pick-up requests must be submitted in writing to hadlei@d1-prospects.org at least 4 days prior to the event start date to be considered
- Director approval is required for any exceptions

6. State Tournament Rules

- NO pick-ups of any kind are allowed at the D1 State Tournament
- Rosters must be fully composed of original, eligible rostered players

Clarification:

- Zero exceptions to the no pick-up rule at State
- Teams must compete with their submitted and approved roster only

7. State Tournament Eligibility

- All teams must meet ALL the above requirements to participate in the State Tournament

Exceptions (Rural Communities & Travel Considerations)

We recognize that some leagues operate in rural communities with limited recreation resources, and that teams from these areas may incur exceptional travel costs to attend D1 Qualifiers.

- Exceptions may be considered if submitted in writing for review and approval

Approved exceptions for the 2026 season:

- Vernal Girls Softball League
 - Approved for participation in:
 - Dino Round Up
 - Rumble Rally
- Utah Summer Games (approved for all leagues)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

D1-Prospects has adopted the OFFICIAL National Federation of State High School Associations Softball Rules(www.nfhs.org) with the following exceptions:

1. SPORTSMANSHIP-

There is ZERO tolerance for disruptive behavior by fans, coaches, or players. Derogatory comments, poor behavior, and negative verbal communications toward any event staff, coaches, or players will be cause for removal from the event and complex, ie, taunting, use of words or actions to incite or try to incite spectators to demonstrate. a) use of profanity, intimidation, or deceitful tactics, baiting or taunting, embarrassing, ridiculing, or demeaning others in any circumstance, including race, gender, religion, or nationality. b) Behavior of any manner not following the spirit of play, team personnel shall not charge an umpire. Arguing balls and strike calls or other Umpire judgment calls is prohibited.

Penalty- The umpire shall eject the offender from the game unless the offense is judged to be minor in nature. If the minor commits the offense, the umpire may warn the offender and eject if the offense is repeated. Coaches who violate may be restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game or ejected from the game. **Coaches are responsible for their fans' behavior. SPECTATORS ARE NEVER TO ADDRESS UMPIRES ON OR OFF THE FIELD**

***Warnings issued to teams or fans will be documented and carried throughout the tournament. You will not get a warning per game. 1 warning and then a forfeit/ejection at the directors'/UIC's discretion**

2. EQUIPMENT:

Facemasks are recommended for all infield defensive players of all ages. USA & USSSA approved bats with the USA/ASA stamp and/or the USSSA thumb 1.20 bpf print only. Illegal bats will result in the ejection of the player AND coach from the game. 14u/16u/18u players may wear metal cleats. 12u/10u/8u may NOT wear metal cleats. It is the coach's responsibility to check that all players are properly equipped.

3. FIELD OF PLAY:

If there are unusual conditions, such as spectators or obstacles too near the playing field, the Director or Umpire shall propose special ground rules. Ground Rules shall not supersede the rule book.

4. SCORE:

Umpires will keep the official score. They will check with each team every half-inning for verification. The winning coach must sign/acknowledge the score, and game scores will stand as written. The scorebook of the home team shall be the official scorebook unless the plate umpire rules otherwise.

5. WARM UPS

No infield (inside the baselines) warm-up/practice allowed. Warm-up between innings is 2 minutes. Please have your players hustle between innings.

6. START TIMES:

Please be prepared 15 min. before the posted start time. Any changes above 15 min. will be made by and communicated through the Event Directors through the Tourney Machine. Once the Umpire(s) are on the field and call for a plate meeting, all warmups must stop, and coaches must immediately proceed to the plate meeting. TIME STARTS WITH THE COIN FLIP. Umpires don't manage the team. Game time.

7. HOME TEAM:

Pool Play=Coin Flip, Bracket=**Highest seed**, If=Coin Flip

Dugouts are not assigned. Please choose an available dugout - be respectful of those teams vacating the dugouts before you enter.

8. GAME LENGTH:

***16u & 18u pool play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 65 minutes whichever comes first. Championship is 7 innings or 75 min whichever comes first**

***14u pool play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 65 minutes, whichever comes first. Championship is 7 innings or 75 min whichever comes first**

*** 12u & 10u Pool play and Bracket games will be 7 innings or 55 minutes whichever comes first. The championship game is 65 innings or 70 min, whichever comes first**

***8u pool play and bracket games will be 7 innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. Championship will be no new innings after 60 minutes**

9. TIE:

Pool play can end in a tie. Bracket play must have a winning team - in the event that time has expired, we will use the International Tie Breaker (ITB), then progressive. Runner (**last completed batter**) will be placed on 2nd base at the start of the top and bottom half of the inning.*see 8u rules

TIE - Head-Head, Runs Allowed, Run Diff, Runs Scored, Winning Percentage

10. RUN RULES:

12/14/16/18 POOL PLAY: *7 runs per half inning. After 7 runs are scored, teams will exchange offense and defense.

16/18u, 14u Bracket and Championship. Run Rules will be: 12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5 (No run limit per inning)

*****12U Only BRACKET WILL HAVE *7 runs per half inning, including championship**

8U and 10U RUN RULES: *5 runs per half inning in pool and bracket, including Championship. After 5 runs are scored, teams will exchange offense and defense.

11. BATTING ORDER:

16u, 18u, 14u, 12u, 10u, 8u - **must bat the whole lineup (every player present and eligible), free defensive substitution.** must keep offensive integrity at all times. Must declare pitcher and catcher substitutions, including courtesy runners. Teams will not be penalized if a player cannot bat due to injury.

Bracket Play:

The bracket is not final until all pool games have been completed, scores entered, and the bracket has been released. **We will NOT PREDICT seeding for brackets.**

Lineup shall include the team, **Coach's Name(s), Athlete's first initial and last name, athlete's jersey number** (no players on the same team may wear identical numbers), position, and batting order of each starting player. Lineups are official after they have been exchanged, verified, and accepted by the plate umpire during the pre-game conference. *After a line-up card has been submitted to and verified by the umpire and a change is subsequently made to a player/substitute name or number, or if a player/Substitute is added to the line-up card, the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach of the team involved. Any further changes made to a player/substitute name or number result in the head coach being restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. Subsequent instances of this matter in a tournament will result in an ejection of the coach from the facility for the remainder of the tournament and the player(s) being called out, IF, at the discretion of the umpire/director, these repeated instances take away from the spirit and integrity of the game.*

12. Players, Guests, and Illegal Players:

Each team must start with nine players, and must have 8 to continue. All players must come from a recreation program.

Players who have played in 2 or more accelerated events are NOT allowed to play in this event.* Falsification of identity or Eligibility will be considered an Illegal player and will be ejected from the event. **Guest Players** - Players not listed on the Online roster are not eligible to play. Illegal players are grounds for forfeit/ejections. **NO REFUNDS for roster errors!**
Rosters will be frozen at 5 pm June 5, 2026.

**The Director may grant an emergency guest player exception at their discretion -see Eligibility below*

Player Eligibility:

A player's age eligibility is determined by their age as of August 31 of the prior year (ie, 08/31/2025). (See age chart on last page) A player may always play up age divisions, but cannot play under their eligible age division. No player may play with more than one roster during the event.

13. COURTESY RUNNERS:

Can be used for the pitcher and catcher only. If a team is batting their entire lineup (more than 9), any player, not on base, can be a courtesy runner. If a courtesy runner is on base and their spot in the batting order comes up, they will be declared out. Courtesy Runner may only run for one (pitcher or catcher) in the same inning.

14. COACHES-

Any time a coach is in the live ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach's box, the coach shall be attired in a Team uniform or jersey/coaches shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits, including fleece-like warm-ups in team colors OR colors of khaki, black, white or gray. Cut-off Shorts or any type of jeans are prohibited. Closed-toed shoes only on the field. **Penalty** coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted in the field of play, following the pre-game conference for the duration of the game, OR until the situation has been remedied.

15. DEFENSE:

Defense may include 4 outfielders and 6 infielders. Outfielders must be on the grass until the ball crosses the plate.

16. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE RULE-10U AND OLDER

The dropped third strike rule will be in effect for all 10u divisions and older. NOT IN 8U

A batter may attempt to advance to first base on an uncaught third strike when:

- First Base is unoccupied with less than two(2)outs OR
- There are two(2) outs regardless of runners on base

The Batter becomes a runner immediately on an uncaught third strike. The defensive team may record the out by:

- Tagging the batter-runner, OR
- Throwing the ball to first base before the batter-runner reaches the base

10u CANNOT score on a dropped third strike -

17. Base Running/Stealing in 10/12/14/16/18

In 10u and older age divisions, runners may steal ALL* Bases.

10u runners may steal bases; however, a runner may not advance home solely on a passed ball or wild pitch. A runner attempting to score must do so as part of:

- A batted Ball put into play
- A defensive overthrow during a live play
- A steal attempt combined with a defensive play on another runner OR
- Any other active live-ball play deemed legitimate by the umpire.

8 and Under Rules

1. Pitcher (coach) must have both feet on the pitching rubber at the start of the pitch (35 ft)
2. Each batter will receive 5 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first
3. A foul ball on the 5th pitch and following pitches will not be considered a 3rd strike
4. No walks, no stealing except as outlined below
5. 5 runs per half inning or 3 outs. After 5 runs scored, teams exchange offense and defense. Only an over-the-fence home run can score more than 5 runs
6. The baseline is considered the infield
7. No infield fly rule
8. Runner on 3rd must be batted in to score - No run shall be scored on a misplayed/overthrown ball.
9. The ball is considered dead each time it is pitched and not hit by the batter
10. When a ball is hit and remains inside the baseline, the batter(s) may only advance one base-unless a thrown ball is misplayed. If a play is made on a batter/runner(s) and the thrown ball is misplayed/overthrown, the runner(s) may advance one additional base at the risk of being put out. If the runner(s) continue to advance, they will do so at their own risk and can be put out. Once the play has stopped, the umpire will return all safe runners (s) to the last base they were entitled to
11. A ball hit to the outfield (beyond the baseline), runners (s) may run as far as they can until the ball is inside the baseline. Once the ball is inside the baseline, the play stops, and the runner(s) stop at the base they advance to. BASELINE calls are judgment calls and are non-protestable. (If a runner has advanced past a base, they will be awarded the next base.)
12. Please have the Players throw the ball to the defensive player/pitcher and NOT the adult pitching the ball. The defensive player will hand the ball to the adult pitching.
13. Once a batted ball has been thrown in the infield, it becomes a played ball, whether or not it is in control of an infielder.
14. No Runs can be scored on a misplayed ball
15. Runners may advance one base on an overthrow on the infield - RUNNERS CAN ONLY SCORE ON A BATTED BALL. If a base runner advances too far, she will do so at her own risk of being put out. Once the play stopped, the umpire will return all safe runners to the last base they were entitled to
16. Bunting is not allowed
17. Runners may not advance on any caught infield fly/line drive. They may advance on a caught pop fly in the outfield. Tag-up rules apply

2026 Season for D1 Prospects (September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026)

Match the birth month (top line) with the Birth Year. The Player's age division is indicated on the right

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SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	AGE	DIVISION
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	7	8u
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	8	8u
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	9	10u
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	10	10u
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	11	12u
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	12	12u
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	13	14u
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	14	14u
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	15	16u
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	16	16u
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	17	18u
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	18	18u

