

2018 Haunted House Bash Tournament Rules

Thank you for your participation in the Haunted House Bash. Below are the tournament rules. We will utilize NFHS rules for this tournament. *Attached are the general tournament rules for all our tournaments, plus specific tournaments rules and additions can be found on the final page. Please read all carefully.*



THIS IS AN FASA WORLD SERIES QUALIFIER

The tournament is set up as pool play on Saturday, each team playing 3 pool play games. On Sunday, teams are entered into a single elimination brackets based on pool play outcome. Depending on the number of teams in each age bracket, it is possible there can be a 1st round bye for the pool play winners to establish brackets.

COACHES/ADMINISTRATIVE/CONDUCT:

1. Teams must sign in at the tournament check-in table before the start of their 1st game. Coaches must have completed rosters with players' names and birthdates. Please have copies of birth certificates available should there be a challenge from an opposing coach. Any challenge must be lodged prior to the start of the game. Failure to provide proof of age shall eliminate player in question. Team insurance must be shown, but will not be collected. We will accept any roster form and any insurance.
 - 1.1. If a World Series Qualifier, National Qualifier, or State Tournament, champions will be required to enter their official roster online prior to accepting any berth earned.
 - 1.2. Tournament director will verify the online roster coincides with the roster provided at the tournament. Changes may be authorized at the discretion of the State Director.
 - 1.3. Although we do not require sanctioning with the FASA, champions who accept a berth MUST pay the National Sanction Fee of \$40.
 - 1.4. If the tournament provides a paid entry to a national tournament to it's champions, the sanction fee must still be paid by the team earning the berth.
2. All coaches, by participation in the plate conference at each game, agree that all equipment used by their teams complies with the rules and assumes ALL liability of use of illegal equipment by his/her team members.
 - 2.1. Specific equipment approval stamps MUST include the NFHS logo.
 - 2.2. Alternatively, any bat with the ASA/USA Softball stamp is authorized.
3. Only **Head Coaches** may consult with the umpires. Failure of a non-manager to remove themselves from any discussion after being warned will result in ejected from the tournament and subjects the Head Coach to possible ejection or restriction.
 - 3.1. Any persons exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abusive behavior to players, officials, or ANY person will be removed from the event with no return privileges for the balance of the event as well as liable for criminal charges is applicable.
 - 3.2. Head coaches are responsible for actions of players, fans and assistant coaches. Head Coach will be warned to curb improper behavior and failure to do so will result in his/her ejection.
 - 3.3. Smoking, tobacco, or alcohol use on the field, in the dugouts, or around the fields is prohibited. No exceptions.
4. Unless authorized by the respective city or park ownership, alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be consumed or displayed at the facilities, including parking areas. Persons found in violation are subject to removal for the balance of the tournament and any applicable State or Local laws. Parking areas may be subject to routine police patrols to ensure adherence to local laws, provide safety, and aid security of

facilities. However, vehicle owners ultimately park at their own risk.

5. All facilities have rules pertaining to pets, grills, smoking and use of the facilities. The Tournament Director does not have the authority to make changes, grant waivers or alter these requirements. It is the Coaches, parents and fans responsibility to know and adhere to facility rules.
6. Notwithstanding any other rules, this tournament will follow NFHS standards regarding Thunder and Lightening occurrences. This includes games will be stopped and shall not resume for thirty minutes after the last sighting of lightening or hearing of thunder. Coaches are required to take players to a safe space as they determine with the parents. **The ONLY exception to this is for indoor tournaments.**
7. Game results must be reported to the Tournament Headquarters immediately following the completion of your game. The umpires will turn in the score but coaches are strongly encouraged to double check scores as it could affect seeding. Scores recorded at the tournament headquarters will be final when the tournament director leaves the park at the end of each day. No changes may be made after the tournament director leaves.
8. Teams playing an extra pool game (if necessary) will not have the runs scored or allowed, nor the win/loss counted toward their seeding. If playing an extra game, the last game listed on the schedule for the team playing the extra game will be the game that does not count.
9. The tournament reserves the right to change the schedule as needed to ensure safety or to adjust for weather. Any changes will be sent via the online tournament system. Coaches are to be responsible to check their email and/or text messages for any changes. If a coach has opted “out” of the text messaging system, there may be delays in notifications.
 - 9.1. All coaches should verify they have a valid account and that their team is listed in the tournament at: <https://nwoladyirish.leagueapps.com/login>. This will be the most expedient method to receive game, schedule, and other tournament updates.
 - 9.2. The tournament director may also utilize the FASA national site for tournament updates. If you did not have a PlayFASA account, the tournament director may have created one for you. In this case, your username and password are FirstnameLastname. No spaces. Contact the State Director for assistance.
10. Rain Policy: If 50% of the tournament games are played by a team, no refund is required. If less than 50% of the games are played, a percentage will be refunded (less unrecoverable costs, plus an amount not to exceed 5%).
 - 10.1. The priority is to play as many games as possible without exposing any person to excess games or unnecessary dangers due to weather or conditions.
 - 10.2. The TD may modify the pool or bracket schedule and reserves the right to remove lower seeded teams in order to complete brackets if necessary.
11. Awards will be presented to the Champions and Runners up in each age bracket. Players on the championship teams will also receive an individual medal or award. Other awards may be given based on the individual tournament.
 - 11.1. If bracket games are rained out, awards will be given based on pool play records.
 - 11.2. If bracket games have started and subsequently rained out, awards will begin based on the records, including any tie breakers listed below, of all remaining teams.

GENERAL GAME RULES:

1. All NFHS rules apply, unless specified otherwise.
2. Pitchers must start with both feet on the rubber and are **NOT** permitted to step back.
 - 2.1. Pitching Distance: 10U - 35', 12U - 40', 14U and above - 43'.
3. Metal cleats are permitted for 14U and above. Molded cleats are authorized for 12U and below. No Metal Cleats are allowed at indoor tournaments.
4. LINE UPS & CARDS.
 - 4.1. Line up cards **MUST** be submitted to the home plate umpire 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
 - 4.2. Teams are permitted to bat their entire roster. If you are batting all your players, you are allowed free defensive substitutions and may use last batted out as a courtesy runner. If a team bats its entire lineup and an injury occurs, an out will **NOT** occur when that batter's spot comes up, as long as the team doesn't fall below 9 batters in its line up.
 - 4.3. Any substitutes on a lineup card are to be used as a courtesy runner. If a team has a substitute listed on the line up card, they **MUST** be used as the courtesy runner - no exception. An alternative to 4.2, teams may instead choose to bat 9, or utilize the DP/Flex. In this case, courtesy runners **MUST** be a substitute not already entered into the game. Standard substitution rules apply.
 - 4.4. In either case, courtesy runners may run for a pitcher or for a catcher but may not run for both in the same inning.
 - 4.5. Players may **NOT** be added to the line up card after it is accepted as official by the umpire.
5. Mercy rules for all games, both pool play and bracket play are 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
6. A team not on the field ready to play at game time forfeits that game unless granted an extension by the tournament director for good cause. Forfeited games will be scored 1-0 for the winner. Teams must be at the field and ready to play 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Games will start early if possible.
7. If an official protest is to be filed, the umpire and the official scorer must be notified before the next pitch (play). *Current game situation, strike count, base runner positions, and game time must be recorded by the home book.* Play will then resume under protest. The protesting team must immediately send a team representative to the Tournament Director. Failure to take these actions immediately will result in the protest being overruled. If all steps were followed, the Tournament Director will rule on the protest.
 - 7.1. If the protest is granted, play will cease and the game will be resumed from the point of the protested call.
 - 7.2. If the protest overruled, play continue at its current spot.
 - 7.3. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee will be collected in advance of any decision.

POOL PLAY SPECIFIC RULES: HAUNTED HOUSE BASH - FASA World Series Qualifier

1. One hour and 20 minute time limit per game, or 7 innings. No inning shall start after time limit has expired. Complete any inning already started. The new inning starts when the final out of the previous inning occurs. Games may end in a tie.
2. Coin flip shall determine home team. Home team book is official. Coaches must present line-up cards to the plate umpire.
3. Seeding for championship play is determined by pool play record. If teams have the same pool play record, the higher seed will be determined as follows:
 - 3.1. Head to head
 - 3.2. Total runs scored against
 - 3.3. Total runs scored
 - 3.4. Coin flip
 - 3.5. *If more than 2 teams are tied with the same record, Head-to-Head is thrown out.

CHAMPIONSHIP (BRACKET PLAY) SPECIFIC RULES: HAUNTED HOUSE BASH

1. One hour and 20 minute time limit per game, or 7 innings. No inning shall start after time limit has expired. Complete any inning already started. The new inning starts when the final out of the previous inning occurs. Games **MUST** end with a winner. If tied at the end of 7 innings or at the end of the time limit, International Tie Breaker (ITB) rules will be in effect, until a winner is determined.
 2. Higher seeded team shall be the home team. Home team book is official.
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Champions in each age division will receive a PAID berth to the 2019 FASA World Series in Branson, MO!

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