



## 2019 Strawberry Jam Softball Tournament Rules

### I. General Rules

1. Teams must check in 20 minutes before their first game. Also, if they have not already done so, they must provide the following:
  - a. USA/ASA Insurance certificates.
  - b. Rosters with birth dates. Limit 20 players.
  - c. Contact number and name for during the tournament.
2. **Managers are responsible for the behavior and conduct of their team, players, coaches, parents and fans.** Excessive inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior may result in an ejection from the game or removable for the duration of the tournament by the umpire in chief or the tournament director. Their word is final and needs NO warnings if appropriate. Additionally any destruction or abuse at any outside property could be subject to team suspension from tournament.
3. Rolling Hills Middle School and Watsonville High School are public schools there is NO smoking and **ADSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CONSUMPTION is allowed including the parking lots.** If a player, parent or fan for your team is found with Alcohol, your team will be removed for the duration of the tournament, with no refund, by the umpire in chief or the tournament director.
4. **NO DOGS** allowed on any school grounds.
5. All teams are responsible for leaving the dugouts clean after each game.
6. The team listed first in the schedule is assigned the third-base dugout. Teams playing back-to-back games may keep the same dugout.
7. The home team will be determined by a coin toss. The home team scorekeeper will keep the official scorebook. The winning manager must verify the final score with the plate umpire. The umpire will then report the score to the tournament director or assistant.
8. Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be prepared to play 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
9. There will be no pre-game infield practice and no hitting into fences.
10. The 2019 USA/ASA rulebook will be in effect except for special tournament rules herein. Protests will be resolved with the umpire at point of protest. The umpire's decision will be final. The double base will be used at first base.
11. 14U division and up – **METAL CLEATS are fine**, and pitching distance at 43 feet for 14U, 16U and 18U. Pitching for 8U – 30 feet, 10U – 35 feet and 12U at 40feet.
12. **No BBQ's** on the campus or parking lot.

## Special Tournament Rules

a. Games will be 7 innings or 75 minutes long, except that no new inning may start after 70 minutes. (A new inning begins when the third out is made in the previous inning). Except 8U will have 70 Minutes but no new inning after 60. Championship games will be 80 minutes, but the run rule is still in affect. Game Time starts at coin toss.

If you start an inning, then you must finish that inning on Saturday play only. The game ends if the home team is at bat and ahead when the game time runs out.

b. The mercy rule is in effect for all games.

- i. 10 run after 3 innings.
- ii. 8 runs after 5 innings.

c. In Group play (Saturday), games can end in a tie. For elimination or Championship Games, if the score is tied after 7 innings or time expired, then the international tie breaker will take effect. After two tie breaker innings, the winner will be determined by a coin toss.

d. The seeding for bracket play (elimination games) will be determined by the following point system:

- i. 10 points for a win.
- ii. 5 points for a tie
- iii. 0 points for a loss.

e. If teams are tied with the same number of points at the conclusion of Group Play, the following criteria will be used:

- i. Head-To- Head.
- ii. Fewest runs allowed.
- iii. Most runs scored ( 8 maximum per game).
- iv. Coin toss.

f. We do not have continuous batting order (i.e. bat all 11-12 girls) on Saturday or Sunday with exceptions of 8U is continuous batting and 10U bat 10 with 4 outfielders.....we use straight ASA/USA rules unless noted under Special Rules.

**IMPORTANT: If the tie involves more than 2 teams, the above criteria will be used until at least one team is eliminated. Then the entire same process begins all over again until there are no longer any ties.**

g. **STRAWBERRY JAM does use the hard Pink 11” and 12” softball for this tournament for all ages 8u thru 18U....**

Website: [www.pajarovalleygirlssoftball.com](http://www.pajarovalleygirlssoftball.com)

We will post the standings on the web site as soon as we can and send out an email or text with Sundays game times.

Thank you for coming and joining us to a fun filled Strawberry Jam tournament and hope you enjoy two days of softball. Good luck!

## The Strawberry Jam System

This year we will be playing at two different Locations please read everything carefully....

We do not play the traditional format of three games on Saturday and single elimination brackets Sunday, which has half of the teams one and done. At Strawberry Jam, all teams play two games Saturday and two games Sunday. The fields and game times available for each division are the same on both days, but which teams are seeded into which games on Sunday depends on the teams' records from Saturday play. All players on all teams receive some kind of an award. Do not leave without your award.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ YOUR DIVISIONS LAY OUT FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY.** All divisions play can be different depending on number of teams.

Tie-breakers are explained in the tournament rules. Forfeited games are scored 7 to 0 by USA rule.

### 2019- 8 & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are Twelve (12) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into Four Groups.

Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D will each have three teams.

#### Group A

P V Tremblers  
Palo Alto Heat  
Quicksilver Batista

#### Group B

W V Slammers  
Hollister Heat  
Lady Glory

#### Group C

S J Twisters  
N C Raptors  
Tulare Thrill

#### Group D

San Lorenzo Heat  
Union City Fury  
Cabrillo Crushers

1. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day. In All Groups your team will play the other two teams in your Group.
2. At the conclusion of Group play on Saturday, the point system from the special Tournament rules will be used to seed for Sunday's bracket play of elimination games.
3. The four first place teams will comprise the gold division. There will be two semi-final games followed by a third place game and a championship game.
4. The four second place teams will comprise the silver division. There will be two semi-final games followed by a third place game and a championship game.
5. The four third place teams will comprise the bronze division. There will be two semi-final games followed by a third place game and a championship game.

# **2019 – 10B & Under (Rollings Hills Middle School)**

1. There are Four (4) teams in this tournament and they will all be included in one group.

## Group A

Pleasanton Phantom

Quicksilver

West Valley Slammers

Panthers

2. On Saturday, each team will play two games against two of the other three teams in the group.
3. On Sunday, each team will play the team in the group they did not play on Saturday. This will conclude the round robin.
4. At the conclusion of the round robin, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to seed for the final game on Sunday
5. The top seeded team will play the second seeded team to determine the champion and second place.
6. The third seeded team will play the fourth seeded team to determine third place and fourth place.

# **2019- 10C & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)**

1. There are Nine (9) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into three Groups

Group A

P V Tremblers  
Palo Alto Heat  
Livermore Smoke

Group B

S J Twisters  
Mt Dream  
Pleasanton Phantom

Group C

Almaden Lightning  
Hollister Heat  
Santa Clara Sparks

Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play the other two teams in its pool that day.

2. At the conclusion of Saturday's play, all teams will be seeded first, second, or third, in their respective groups based on the point system from the special rules.
3. The three first place teams will comprise the gold division and will play a round robin on Sunday. At the conclusion of these games, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to determine First, Second and Third place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used for this purpose.
4. The three second place teams will comprise the silver division and will play a round robin on Sunday. At the conclusion of these games, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to determine First, Second and Third place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used for this purpose.
5. The three third place teams will comprise the bronze division and will play a round robin on Sunday. At the conclusion of these games, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to determine First, Second and Third place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used for this purpose.

## **2019 – 12 “B” & “C” & Under (Watsonville High School)**

There are eight (8) teams in this tournament but there will be one Group in each 12U“B” and 12U“C” division.

Group 12U “B” will have four teams and 12U “C” will also have four teams but they will be separate thruothpot the tournament and not play each other.

### Group 12U”B”

Mt Dream  
P V Tremblers  
MVLAGE Nova Red  
West Valley Slammers

### Group 12U”C”

Sherwood Fireballs  
Hollister Heat  
N C Raptors  
Mt Dream

1. On Saturday, each team will play two games against two of the other three teams in the group.
2. On Sunday, each team will play the team in the group they did not play on Saturday. This will conclude the round robin.
3. At the conclusion of the round robin, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to seed for the final game on Sunday
4. The top seeded team will play the second seeded team to determine the champion and second place.
5. The third seeded team will play the fourth seeded team to determine third place and fourth place.

## **2019- 14U “AB” (Watsonville High School)**

1. There are five (5) teams in this tournament and they will be one Group.

### Group A

Hollister Heat – Gayton  
Pleasanton Phantom  
Oaktown Ballers  
Hollister Heat – Javier  
Quakes

2. On Saturday, each team will play two of the other four teams in the group.
3. On Sunday, each team will play the two teams in the group they did not play on Saturday.
4. At the conclusion of these four games, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to determine the place of each team in the tournament. All four games on Saturday and Sunday will be used to determine the place of each team in the tournament.

