



2024 STERLING INVITE

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TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1.) Teams must check in prior to their first game with the Site Director for their location. We also need to make sure we have the correct motel or lodging info for you as well as a cell #. Please have proof of insurance, NSA Roster and documentation of players age available for the TD to verify if necessary.
- 2.) Dugouts will be occupied on a first come, first serve basis.
- 3.) Home team will be determined by a coin flip or contest of the umpire's choice immediately before the start of the game. Home team will be the official scorekeeper for that game.
- 4.) Teams may bat their entire lineup for all games Saturday, Sunday and Monday, or use straight NSA lineup rules. If batting the entire lineup, free substitution on defense is allowed. Injuries where a player cannot continue will squeeze the lineup with no penalty unless you drop to eight players. In this case an out will be taken at the players' position that was the last to become injured. When an injury occurs on base, the preceding batter not on base will be allowed to run. When batting the entire lineup, injured players that came out may not return for the remainder of that game. Courtesy runner will be a legal Sub or the last recorded out per the NSA rulebook.
- 5.) **Time limit: No new inning to start after 1:25 minute time limit on round robin games, and bracket play games. Except Championship games which will be 2 hrs.**
- 6.) Warm-up pitches will be limited to 3 per inning. New pitchers will always get 5 pitches when they enter the game.
- 7.) Any **person 18 years old or younger** warming up a pitcher **must** wear a catcher's mask. This applies on and off the field of play. Violators may be **disqualified** from game participation. This may apply to the **pitcher** as well!
- 8.) The NSA tiebreaker may be used Saturday & Sunday if game time is still under the 1:25 limit. Ties stand on Saturday and Sunday.
- 9.) NSA Mercy rule is in effect, 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings.
- 10.) Monday Championship bracket seeding tiebreakers are as follows:
 1. Total points (2 for win, 1 for tie, 0 for loss)
 2. Head to Head competition
 3. Total Run Differential (Max 8 per game)
 4. Least runs scored against
 5. Runs scored for (8 runs max per game)
 6. Coin Toss

- 11.) If ejection is necessary, the ejected coaches/fans must leave to the parking lot for the remainder of the game. Suspension of further games is at the discretion of the tournament director and umpire in charge.
- 12.) NSA rules will apply in all other cases. The UIC/Tournament Director decisions will be final. All protests must be resolved prior to the next pitch.
- 13.) The use of loud noisemakers, whistles, cowbells, empty cans with gravel, etc. will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be allowed.
- 14.) Except as modified above, NSA rules will apply.
- 15.) Within the Paved Areas of the EMPD the following are NOT ALLOWED:
Dogs, Skateboards, Bikes, Scooters, Smoking, Tobacco or Alcohol.
Dogs are allowed at Walla Walla Park and Hydro Park provided they are on a leash.
- 16.) **10U Division** – 7 Run Max per inning. 1 pool for Saturday and Sunday play. Teams seeded into Bracket for Monday. Monday bracket play is Double Elimination. **2hr time limit on the Championship game**. Plaques for 1st, and 2nd in bracket.
- 17.) **12U Division** - 4 pools for Saturday and Sunday play. Teams seeded into Gold, Silver, Bronze Brackets for Monday. Seeds 1 & 2 from each pool play Gold. Seeds 3 & 4, play Silver. Seeds 5 & 6 (where applicable) from each pool play Bronze. *The Purple games on Saturday and Sunday are exhibition games and will not count toward pool standings.* Monday bracket play is Single Elimination. **2hr time limit on the Championship games**. Plaques for 1st, and 2nd in each bracket.
- 18.) **14U Division** - 4 pools for Saturday and Sunday play. Teams seeded into Gold, Silver, Bronze Brackets for Monday. Seeds 1 & 2 from each pool play Gold. Seeds 3 & 4, play Silver. Seeds 5 & 6 (where applicable) from each pool play Bronze. *The Peach games on Saturday and Sunday are exhibition games and will not count toward pool standings.* Monday bracket play is Single Elimination. **2hr time limit on the Championship games**. Plaques for 1st, and 2nd in each bracket.
- 19.) All Bracket games Higher seed will get the option of Home or Away, if the seeds are the same a coin flip will determine home or away.
- 20.) **10u Bracket** games will have unlimited runs the last inning if announced prior to the start of the last inning.
- 21.) Have fun and thank you for participating in the 2024 Sterling Invite!
 - Walla Walla Park - 1351 Walla Walla Ave, Wenatchee
 - Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park - 2 1/2 miles south of East Wenatchee, Highway 28. (1682 SR28)
 - Eastmont Parks Department - 255 N. Georgia, East Wenatchee