



Blue Chip Softball – Meijer State Games Tournament

June 22-23, 2024

General Information

Tournament for 14U(8), 16U(16), 18U(8), 23U(8) softball teams. Will open to more teams if there is enough demand. Entry Fee: \$795 with a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$75 required when you register on Tourney Machine. No Gate Fees Collected on Site. Four games (Weather permitting)

Hosted at:

Whistle Stop Park, 2120 - 76th Street, Byron Center, MI 49315.

We will have a licensed athletic trainer at each site throughout the tournament. Coaches and parents, if there is an injury minor or not, please let our expertly trained staff do their jobs and help your kids before you do.

Lodging – This is **not a stay to play event but if you need hotel recommendations**, Contact Matt Houseman at: matt.bluechipsoftball@gmail.com or 231-740-2274.

IN CASE OF RAIN...Tournament Director may have to adjust schedule – this procedure will not be debatable. Tournament updates will be on the Remind App group, please check for messages regularly

Contact Brad Koch at: mibluechip@gmail.com for questions or more information.

Tournament Format and Rules

Pool play with 2 games on (weather permitting) with 1 hour 20 minute (drop dead time limit, finish the batter). Pool games are exposure games and wins and losses do not affect seeding. You may bat the roster and freely substitute (offense or defense) and make changes in order to give your athletes maximum exposure. For example, if a coach is there and wants to see an athlete do something in particular, put her in and let her do it if you choose.

All teams then play in a pre-seeded, blindly drawn, **single elimination** Championship Bracket. Bracket games are 1 hour 30 minute (no new inning time limit). If you lose game one of bracket play, you then enter a Consolation Bracket that will be played out to a Consolation winner. In all bracket play, you may still bat the roster if you choose but no free substitution (on offense) as described below in pool play games. If you are batting the roster, you may sub freely on defense. No time limit for Championship game. ITB will be used in bracket play for all games tied after 7 or after time expired, including the championship game. Always be prepared to start early if situation allows. Game results will be posted at the site and also on Tourney Machine app as close to real time as possible.

Your official roster will be submitted on Tourney Machine and can be adjusted up until time of your game 1. A player may play on more than one team during pool play. However, once bracket play starts, a player may only play on one team for the remainder of the tournament. **Regardless of age group, for instance, a player may not play a bracket game for an 18U and then go play for a different 16U team.**

MERCY RULE- 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings. Rule will apply to both Pool Play and Bracket

Tournament will follow NHFS Game Rules unless otherwise stated for special rules improvised by the tournament as follows:

Teams may bat the entire roster if they choose. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher or catcher (and no one else) at any time. The runner must be someone who is currently not in the batting line up or if batting roster, the player who made the most recent out. In the event that both pitcher and catcher reach base in the same inning and a 2nd courtesy runner is needed, the out before the most recent should be used. The same girl shall not be the courtesy runner more than once per inning. We will also use the NCAA Look Back Rule at 1st base. The rule that allows the runner to run through the bag and advance to 2nd base prior to re-touching 1st base.

WARM-UPS/HUDDLES BETWEEN INNINGS AND/OR OUTS - ALL GAMES

We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. So, first inning each team will be allowed three (3) warm-up pitches and one throw down by catcher & infield and outfield warm-up allowed in first inning only. All innings after the first will be one warm-up pitch and throw down by the catcher and no infield-outfield warm-ups. **NO DEFENSIVE HUDDLES AFTER THE THROW DOWN OR AFTER OUTS.** Make sure your leadoff batter is prepared to step in box after the pitcher's first warm-up pitch. **REMINDE ALL BATTERS TO KEEP ONE FOOT IN THE BOX AND BE PREPARED TO HIT AGAIN AFTER EACH PITCH IS COMPLETED.** Play will be always resuming quickly –umpires will be enforcing these for it allows a better opportunity of teams playing their seven innings. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLAYERS AWARE PRIOR TO GAME OF THIS WARM-UP RULE AND HAVE THEM HUSTLE ON AND OFF THE FIELD. EACH COACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE THEIR TEAMS PREPARED TO RESUME PLAY QUICKLY FROM DEFENSE TO OFFENSE.**

SPORTSMANSHIP DURING TOURNAMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. All players and coaches are expected to behave in a professional manner. No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. All games are to be played in a respectful manner towards players, coaches, umpires and fans. No profanity will be accepted. Umpire-in-chief will have final authority on all matters regarding a game dispute. **ANY EJECTIONS ... YOUR NEXT GAME WILL BE SAT OUT ... NO APPEALS.** We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct. There will be no inappropriate behavior towards umpires, a judgment call is exactly that, an umpires judgment. You can make the players and fans have a respect for the game ... if you display that respect in a leadership role.

Blue Chip Entry Refund policy - No refunds given to teams that withdraw less than 120 days prior to the tournament's start date. • Refund Policy once the tournament begins: - If no (0) games are played a refund of 60% of each team's tournament registration fee will be given. If games are played (at least one round played to completion) the registration fee is fully earned and no refunds will be given. If tourney must be cancelled due to act of God, prior to the start, teams will be refunded 80% of their entry fee.

BCS Meijer State Games Team Entry Form

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Team Name and Age Group: _____

Manager Name: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Remember: Copies of birth certificate must be available. Check-in will be done online. All teams and players must have insurance to participate in this tournament. You must provide us with a copy of your Team Insurance Certificate via email before May 30, 2024.

Entry Fee \$795

Registration procedure is to pay the \$75 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit through Tourney Machine to reserve your spot using the link here:

<https://tourneymachine.com/E130013>

Then please mail a check for the difference (\$720) as directed below.

Make checks payable to **"BCS, LLC."**

Send this form and check to

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