



Welcome to the 2020 “Bring on the Magic” Fastpitch Tournament

Welcome! On behalf of the New Berlin Magic, we would like to welcome all of this year's teams for being part of the 2020 “Bring on the Magic” Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament. We ask everyone to make this truly a great tournament weekend by your display of good sportsmanship, whether winning or losing. Good sportsmanship is contagious – for adults and children. Let’s all catch it and enjoy!

Sportsmanship

- It is the responsibility of the team Coaches/Managers to control their players, parents, and fans.
- Umpires and/or Tournament Coordinator’s reserve the right to eject any player, coach, or fan from the tournament at any time.
- Poor sportsmanship by a player, coach or fan may result in a game forfeit or team ejection from the tournament, with no refund. Anyone ejected from the tournament **will not** be allowed back.

Umpires and Appeals

- **Umpires judgment calls may not be appealed. Interpretation of rules by umpires may be appealed by the head coach only during games by calmly talking to the umpires. There are no appeals of calls or results to the tournament coordinator during or after the game.**
- 8U games (Pool & Bracket) will have one umpire. 10U games will have one umpire for all pool play games. Bracket play will have 2 umpires- If a 2nd umpire is not available or does not show, the game shall be played with one umpire.

Registration

- **Turn in the NAFA roster form 4 Days prior to Tourney via email to Tournament Director - There will be NO Registration Table set up.**
- Proof of insurance required to be submitted- Turn in 4 days prior to Tourney via email to Tournament Director - there will be NO Registration table set up. Proof of age will be required on each player but not required to be submitted.

Player Eligibility

- A player's age shall not exceed the maximum dictated by the division of play. The age cut-off will be that which is dictated by NAFA fastpitch softball. According to NAFA, a player's age as of December 31st determines the age in which the player is eligible to play the following year.
- Teams using ineligible players will forfeit all games and be excused from the tournament, **without refund.**

Concussions

- **Concussions – Very Important:** In a past tournament, one of the umpires pulled a player after an incident on the field during a semifinal bracket game. The player showed signs of having a concussion and was acting funny. The umpires are trained, "when in doubt pull them out". The player was pulled from the game, the coach and fans became a little upset and the player was unable to return until after seeing a doctor. Basically her weekend was finished. If this happens again this year, I will stand behind the umpire's decision. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our players safe whatever the outcome. I would hope you and your parents would appreciate this.

Coaches please read and understand the rules of this tournament. If something is missed during your game, it cannot be overturned after the game ends no matter the outcome. Please understand and have a copy with you.

Concessions

- Concessions at Bluhm Park - We will offer a limited range of individually wrapped items at concessions to include but not limited to water, soda, gatorade, chips, candy, fruit, muffins, and freezie pops.
- Concessions at VFW - VFW staff will offer a full range of concessions including, muffins, fruit, water, Gatorade, soda, hot dogs, brats, and more.

Please no carry ins. This is our girls' main fundraiser.

Tournament T-shirts We will have a limited number of tournament t-shirts for sale at all parks by the concession stand. The shirts will have all participating teams listed on the back of the shirt. In past years they have sold out on the first or second day. The shirts will be sold for \$20.00

Tournament Format This is a 4 Game Guarantee (3GG for 8U) tournament (3 pool play games (2 for 8U) & single elimination bracket play). To keep all games moving and on time, games will be as follows....

- **Pool and Bracket play games** (U10 – U18) 7 innings or when the 75 minute time limit has expired. If an inning has started before the 75 minute mark, the full inning must be completed. NO DROP DEAD times. Run-ahead rules will apply. See U8 Special Rules below.
- **Championship games** U10 thru U18 - 7 full innings, run ahead rule will apply...no time limit. U8 will have a time limit - see U8 Special Rules below.
- **Ties** Pool play games can end in a tie – see rules

- **Tie breaker rule for bracket and championship games** – International tie breaker (follow NAFA Rules)

Seeding Criteria will be as follows for pools:

- Record in pool play
- Head to head in pool play
- Least number of runs allowed in pool play
- Most number of runs scored in pool play
- Coaches coin flip

Inclement weather policy

- The tournament coordinator reserves the right to change the format of the tournament in the event that it is shortened due to inclement weather.
- Pool and Bracket game schedules may be adjusted in order to complete the tournament. **Every attempt to complete the tournament will be made.**
- In the event of a rainout prior to or during the championship game, the higher seeded teams from pool play who have not been eliminated in bracket play, will receive the 1st and 2nd place trophies respectively. Also, 4 complete innings will constitute a complete game for semi-final and championship games if a rainout cancels the remainder of the tournament.
- Team Managers are responsible for staying in contact with tournament staff in the event of inclement weather. Information will be posted at the concession stand areas of each park and also communicated through email- please use your email or provide the Tournament director the BEST email to communicate this information.

Tournament field play policy

For our tournament we use fields that are run by the Muskego Park and Recreation department and the New Berlin VFW. The New Berlin Magic must defer to these parties to determine if the fields can be used in case of bad weather. If they determine the field conditions are non-playable or unsafe the tournament will not continue. **The New Berlin Magic has no discretion in this matter.**

Bring on the Magic Refund Policy

- Teams that drop out within 30 days prior to the start date, no refund will be given.
- Teams that drop out 31 – 90 days prior to the start date, a refund will be given if a replacement can be found. If no replacement can be found, a refund minus a \$100 fee will be given.

Tournament Cancellation policy

If the tournament is rained out and **no games** are played.

- U8 \$150 refund
- U10 thru U18 \$200 refund

If the first games in your age group of pool play have started and the tournament is cancelled, a \$100

refund will be given. If the second games in your age group have started and the tournament is cancelled, no refund will be given.

Field Location

- New Berlin VFW – 17980 W Beloit Rd, fields 1,2,3
- Bluhm Park- S77W13607 McShane Dr. Muskego, WI 53150, Fields 1,2,3,4

2020 “Bring on the Magic” Tournament Game Rules

NAFA Rules will apply with the following tournament modifications. Also, see special U8 and U10 rules below

- 1) **Pool & Bracket Play Games:** Will conclude play at the end of 7 innings or when 75 minute time has expired. If an inning has started before the 75 minute mark it must be completed. NO DROP DEAD times. Run-ahead rules will apply.
- 2) **Championship games:** U8 – See time limit in U8 rules; U10 thru U18 – 7 full innings, run ahead rule will apply.
- 3) **Ties in Pool play:** Pool play games can end in a tie. All games subject to rule #1, including games that are tied.
- 4) **Tie Breaker, Bracket play and Championship games:** If tied after 7 innings, the last out from the previous inning goes to second base with no out. The batting order will continue from the previous inning. The away team scores as many runs as they can in the top 1/2 inning of play. The home team would get the same chance in the bottom 1/2 inning of play. When the extra inning is over, whoever scores the most runs wins the game. If the game is still tied after the first extra-inning, another full extra inning will be played. Both teams will have a shot to win the game.
- 5) **Official Game Scorebook:** Pool play, home and visitor is determined by a coin flip. Team coming from the farthest distance calling. Bracket play, the home is the higher seeded team. The Home team will keep the official scorebook.
- 6) **Official Line up:** (9) players constitute an official line-up. A team may play any portion or all of a game with eight (8) players. An “out” shall be declared each time the “vacated” 9th spot in the order comes up. **Exception:** An “out” for a vacated ninth position shall not be declared if there are already two outs in an inning and the batter(s) preceding the ninth vacated spot walked.
- 7) **Continuous Batting:** Continuous batting order is mandatory for all pool play games (All Age Groups). It is mandatory in bracket play for 8U-10U-12U.
- 8) **EP (extra player) – U14,U16 and U18 Bracket play only.** If the EP is used for bracket and championship play, all ten on the starting lineup must bat with any nine of those ten play defense. The EP may be substituted for by a player yet to enter the game. No penalty for a player who leaves the game due to injury and is removed from the batting order, but once she is removed from the batting order, she cannot re-enter the game.
- 9) **Free defensive substitutions:** You are not required to report defensive substitutions when batting a continuous lineup. However, you cannot change the batting lineup once it is reported to the umpire.
- 10) **Illness or injury:** If a player leaves the batting lineup or base running duties at any point in the

game (with the exception of the courtesy runner rule). That player will not be allowed to return to the game. However, when batting the entire lineup, no out will be charged to a team when a player leaves the batting lineup. The lineup will simply be condensed and the game will continue. If a player becomes ill/injured while running bases, courtesy runner rules will apply (last out) and the player leaving the game is not allowed to return to the game.

11) **Forfeits:** A team that does not field at least 8 players within the 10 minute grace period of the scheduled game time will be assessed a forfeit and a loss. A forfeit will be determined as a LOSS with the forfeiting showing no runs scored and 7 runs allowed. The winning team showing a WIN with zero runs allowed and 7 runs scored.

12) **Run Ahead Rule:** There will be a "run-ahead" rule for all pool, bracket and championship games

- U10 thru U18 – 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5 completed innings

13) **Pitching:** Rule 6A, Section 1C: Both feet must be on the ground within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate. The shoulders shall be in line with first and third bases. The pitcher shall take a position with their pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and their non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate. This allows female pitchers to start with one or two feet on the pitcher's plate. This aligns the male and female pitching rule as it relates to foot placement. This also allows female pitchers to take a backward step from the pitcher's plate before, during or after the hands are brought together. This aligns the male and female pitching rule as it relates to stepping back from the pitcher's plate.

14) **Pitching Mound distances:** 8U -35', 10U-35', 12U-40', 14U-43', 16U-43', 18U-43'

15) **Metal cleats:** Will be allowed for 14U, 16U & 18U age groups only

16) **Helmets:** must be worn by all base runners on deck hitters. Bat boys/girls **must** wear helmets at all times. Players warming up a pitcher must wear a helmet and mask

17) **Jewelry** IS allowed for 14U and up.

18) **13 Individual player awards will be given out per team - 1st and 2nd Place only.**

2020 U8 Special Rules

- U8 games will have one umpire
- U8 shall utilize a continuous batting order.
- U8 Max. **5 runs** allowed per inning. Unlimited runs allowed in the last inning.
- U8 Games will be **60 Minutes** - **This includes bracket and championship games**
- U8 Unlimited defensive substitutions.
- U8 No bunting allowed. No fake bunting and pull-back allowed.
- U8 Dropped 3rd strike is not in effect. (i.e., batter cannot take first base on dropped 3rd strike).
- U8 One base per overthrow. If a play is not made after the initial overthrow, the runner must stop at the next base. Ex. A runner advancing to 2nd Base on an overthrow must stop if the defense does not make another play to 2nd Base. They may not advance from 1st to 3rd Base.
- U8 Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- U8 No stealing. Runners may leave base only after ball pitched has crossed home plate.
- U8 Pitching Mound distances, 8U -35 feet

U8 Catchers, Pitchers and Coach pitch

- U8 The catcher must wear full protective catching gear including facemask and helmet.
- U8 Pitching will involve player and coach pitch. Player pitch will be used until the player strikes out or ball 4 is called. After ball 4, the coach will pitch from the existing strike count. Pitcher and coach must reside in the pitching circle during coach pitch. A player can strike out on coach pitch.
- U8 Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game (one pitch in an inning is counted as one inning). 5 warm-up pitches allowed between innings or for a new pitcher.
- U8 For extra innings, limit is one additional inning for each pitcher that has exceeded their 3 inning max

2020 U10 Special Rules

- U10 All outfielders must start defensive play on the outfield grass.
- U10 **Max 7 runs allowed per inning.** A team that is tied or ahead at the start of an at bat, can only score 7 runs during that at bat. A team behind at the start of an at bat can only score enough runs to go ahead by 7 runs during that at bat. This will be used in pool play only.
- U10 Bunting is allowed.
- U10 Stealing is allowed.
- U10 Infield fly rule is in effect.
- U10 Dropped 3rd strike is in effect.
- U10 Pitching Mound distances, 35 feet