



IMPORTANT - Each team manager shall be responsible to keep legal copies of birth certificates, etc., at all times in case of protest.

TEAM NAME -- LOCATION	
MANAGER NAME / PHONE ADDRESS	

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Stow Youth Elite Sports athletics/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- 1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,**
- 2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume all full responsibility for my participation; and,**
- 3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,**
- 4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Stow Youth Elite Sports, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.**

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT - I, the manager of the above team, do hereby state that all of the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge and that all of the parents or guardians signed the above in their own handwriting.

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE:

_____ **DATE:** _____

OHIO SPRING FEVER

2021 TOURNAMENT

Tournament Format

4 Game Guarantee

We will be playing ASA rules (straight softball rules with the following exceptions below).

The top two teams will play in a championship game.

Team Check In: Coaches must check in and present roster and waivers (legible, completed and signed by parent or legal guardian) at least 60 minutes prior to the first game. Players without properly executed waivers will not be permitted to take the field. Birth certificates must be presented upon request for player age verification.

Pregame warmup: Pregame warmup may take place if appropriate time exists between games. All teams need to be ready to play at least 30 minutes before their scheduled start times. Games may begin earlier than scheduled if the previous game ends early.

Team Rosters

Minimum 9 (no maximum)

Roster must be turned in prior to first game or mailed to:

Stow YES

PO Box 1338

Stow, Ohio 44224

A player may be on only one roster per age division

No player may be added to a team once the tournament starts!

Proof of insurance for each team is required!

Equipment

ASA approved equipment

No metal cleats!

Player age eligibility

A player's birthday as of January 1, 2021 determines their age eligibility for this tournament.

Batting and pitching regulations

ASA rules

Home team

Will be determined by a coin flip for opening round games in Round Robin play. The home team will be the higher seed in elimination games.

The home team is deemed the official scorer.

Both teams must report final score within 30 minutes after the final out to the tournament director: (330) 319-5335 and the UIC (330)322-8928.

Game Length

Time Limits: Games will be 7 innings or 75 minutes and finish the inning. No new inning will start after 75 minutes.

Warmups: Teams will be given roughly 5 minutes for warmup before the start of their game.

Tie games: During elimination play, if the score is tied at the end of 7 innings or reaches its time limit, extra innings will be played using international tie breaker rule until a winner has been determined.

Pool play games can end in a tie.

Tie breaker rule as follows: Each half inning will start with the last batted out on second base. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning.

Championship game: The championship game will have a time limit of 90 minutes finish the inning. The mercy run rule is still in effect for the championship game.

Tie Breakers For Final Seedings

1. Win loss record
2. Head to head
3. Runs allowed
4. Runs scored

If any team should forfeit any game, the winning team will record a 7-0 win. The losing team will record a 0-7 loss.

We will be using **Tourney Machine** for updates on scores.

Mercy rules

Games will be called for mercy rulings after the specific number of complete innings, providing the home team has the certain run lead. If the home team has hit the mercy rule the game is over. The home team will not continue the game to add runs.

- 12 run lead after 3 completed innings
- 10 run lead after 4 completed innings
- 8 run lead after 5 completed innings

Spectators/Dugout areas

Any spectators will need to remain away from the netting/backstop while games are in progress. No spectators are allowed in the dugout area or on the playing field.

Teams: No gum chewing or seed spitting

Spectators: all games will be held on School property, there will be ***absolutely no smoking, vaping or alcohol use!***

Please do not litter, use one of our many trash receptacles.

Umpiring

There will be one umpire per game for pool play and elimination games, 2 umpires will be assigned for the championship game.

The umpire is responsible for calling all plays at bases , for enforcing all rules of the game and keeping the game moving. Under no circumstances will a spectator or other person be permitted to be a second umpire.

Only head coaches may consult with the umpire.

Playing rules

ASA rules are in effect, with the following:

Offensive/Defensive/Base running/ Stealing/ Advancement of runners

Line up/ Batting order substitutions

Line up- a team may bat 9 or 10 batters (with an EH) or their entire roster.

The batting order must be set prior to the game and stays the same for the games duration. You must have nine players in the field to start a game. Upon injury; a team may finish with a minimum of eight players in the field. Lineup cards must be given to the opposing team and umpire before the start of the game.

Offense:

- Teams will progress through the official batting order regardless of whether a player actually plays on the field any particular inning.
- If a team chooses to bat the entire lineup and an injury or injuries occur; that team will not have to take an out for that batter until there is under nine batters available for that team.
- A team with substitutes may choose to bat any such substitute anywhere in the lineup, but that player will then be married to that player in the same batting order spot as long as each change is notified to the other manager and umpire before that at bat.
- A player may only bat in one batting spot during any game. Example: once players are married in a batting spot; that substitute player may not be moved to another batting spot if injury occurs to other players on the team.

Defense:

- Any player on the roster may play in any defensive position at any time if roster batting.
- Substitutions can be made on the field any inning, and players may re-enter the game as fielders one time if not batting the entire roster.
- Stalling will not be tolerated and may result in the game being forfeited; Umpire judgment is final.

Courtesy runner

Teams will have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher at any time during an inning, but this rule is mandatory with two outs for the catcher. Teams must follow all options and rules regarding courtesy runner's listed below.

1. Option one: if a team opts to bat their entire lineup, they must use the last official batter of the previous inning as the courtesy runner. The second choice is to use the second last batter of the previous inning if the team needs a second courtesy runner that inning (this only occurs when the pitcher and catcher reach base in the same inning).
2. Option two: if a team opts to bat nine or 10 batters, the courtesy runner must be someone not in the current batting order of the game. Example: starter who is now on the bench or player who just arrives or someone who has not been in the game at all. The exception to this rule is if there are no additional players on the bench; refer back to option one for courtesy runners.

Base on balls:

There will be no advancing to second after a base on balls. Once the batter reaches first base the play is dead. All base runners will be allowed to advance to one base if forced.

Stealing:

ASA rules. There are no limits to stealing bases per inning/game.

Offensive/defensive situations regarding baserunners:

- Any defensive throw including the catcher to any base to throw out any runner may result in any such runners advancing to any base including Home plate on the throw. This includes first and third situations.
- Any overthrown ball from a defensive player may result in numerous bases being taken by the offensive team.

Speed up rules:

PITCHER WARMUP-

The starting pitcher and any new pitcher inserted into the game will be allowed five warm-up pitches and three warm-up pitches the following inning.

Only one throw is permitted after an out. If the out is a strike out, the catcher must throw the ball back to the pitcher. If the out is made by an outfielder, the ball must be returned to an infielder, and then directly to the pitcher.

INTENTIONAL WALK-

The head coach or catcher of the defensive team will announce to the Homeplate umpire that they would like to intentionally walk a batter. No pitches are thrown, and the batter will be awarded first base.

Keeping the game moving:

Please do not try to warm up on the field unless instructed to do so.

Please hustle on and off the field to keep the game moving.

Teams and coaches should be ready to move into the playing field 30 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled game time.

The visiting team should immediately send a batter to the on deck circle and then step to the plate when the pitcher has completed the designated number of warm-up pitches. After each game, coaching staffs and teams must clear the field as quickly as possible after each game. Please do not hold post game meetings on the playing field or dugout area.

Ejections

(Players and coaches): any player or coach ejected from the game for any reason will be required to sit out the remainder of the game they were ejected from as well as their next game. If a coach or player is ejected a second time anytime throughout the remainder of the event, the offender will be permanently removed from the remainder of the tournament and must leave the premises for the remainder of the event. This applies for all games This applies for ALL games (including pool, semi finals and finals). NO EXCEPTIONS! Any player or coach not abiding to this rule will cause their team to forfeit from the event.

Throwing equipment, offensive language, arguments and fighting are prohibited. Players, coaches, managers and spectators who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior may be ejected from games and face suspension from future play.

Refund Policy

0 games played = 90% refund

1 game played = 50% refund

2 or more games played = no refund



**2021 OHIO SPRING FEVER
10U and 12U Tournament
Presented by Litehouse Pools and Spas
May 22&23, 2021**

Stow Munroe Falls High School/ Kimpton Middle School

- ASA rules with modifications
- 4 gg, 3 pool play games, brackets seeded off record
- 1 umpire for bracket play, 2 umpires for championship
- All games except championship 75 minutes finish the inning, championship game is 90 minutes finish the inning.
- Trophies awarded to 1st and 2nd place
- Game MVP medals during pool play
- Free parking and free admission
- Full Concessions available at the High School, light concessions are available at Kimpton
- Cutoff date to enter is May 1, 2021
- Entry fee \$425- Make checks payable to Stow YES Softball and mail to:

Stow YES Softball
PO Box 1338
Stow, Oh 44224

Rules and registration packet available at stowsoftball.com
For more information contact Terry Walker @ (330)319-5335

Age Group (circle one) 10U 12U

Team Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone no. _____

