



2018 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. 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 **ABSOLUTELY 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 2018 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

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.

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.

2018- 8 & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

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

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

Group A

Spirit MH - Aguilera
Hollister Heat
P V Tremblers

Group B

Spirit MH - Fayle
Mt Dream
PAGS Heat

Group C

Panthers
Sizzle
Quicksilver – Batista

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 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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

2018 – 10B & Under (Rollings Hills Middle School)

1. There are six (6) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into two Groups.

Group A and Group B will each have three teams

Group A

P V Tremblers

LG Magic

Roseville Thunder-Red

Group B

Mt Dream

Alameda Blaze

Seaside All Stars

Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day.

- In Group A and Group B, your team will play two of the three 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 two first place teams and the top second place team will comprise the gold division and will play a round robin on Sunday. At the conclusion of Sunday's play there will a first, second, third place team in the gold division. The point system will be used to determine the place of each team.
4. The two third place teams and the other second place team will comprise the silver division and will play a round robin on Sunday. At the conclusion of Sunday's play there will a first, second, third place team in the silver division. The point system will be used to determine the place of each team.
5. The top second place team will be determined by using the point system from the special tournament rules.

2018- 10C & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

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

Group A

Tracy All Stars
SJ Twisters-Teal
Spirit MH
P A Heat

Group B

SJ Twisters - Blk
Roseville Thunder - Blue
Cabrillo Crushers
Mt Dream

Group C

Hollister Heat
Sth Valley Stealth
P V Tremblers
SV Glory

Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two games on that day.

In Group A, B, and C , will each have four teams. Your team will play two of the three other teams in your group. There will be one team in your group that your team will not play.

2. At the conclusion of Saturday's play, all teams in their respective groups will be seeded first, second, third, fourth based on the point system from the special rules.
3. The three first place teams will comprise the gold division. The first two games will be the semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
4. The three second place teams will comprise the silver division. The first two games will be the semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
5. The three third place teams will comprise the bronze division. The first two games will be the semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
6. The three fourth place teams will comprise the copper division. The first two games will be the semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.

2018 – 12 “B” & “C” & Under (Watsonville High School)

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

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

Group A

LGCS Magic
P V Tremblers
Sth Valley Stealth

Group B

Hollister Heat
Sunnyvale Shockwave
Mt Dream

Group C

Alameda Blaze
Pleasanton Phantom
SJ Twisters

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 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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

2018- 14 & Under (Watsonville High School)

1. There are Eleven (11) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into three Groups.

Group A and Group B will have four teams and Group C will have three teams.

Group A

Mt Dream
Sth Bay Quakes 04
SJ Twisters
Visalia Spirits

Group B

Quakes – Hu
P V Tremblers
NC Raptors
Quicksilver-Herdman

Group C

Quakes - Navy
Sth Valley Stealth
Monterey All Stars

In both Group A and Group B, your team will play only two of the three teams in your group. There is one team in your group that your team will not play. In Group C your team will play the other two teams in your group.

2. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day.
3. At the conclusion of Group play on Saturday, all teams in their respective groups will be seeded first, second, third or fourth based on the point system from the special tournament rules.
4. The three first place teams and the top second place team (determined using the point system from the special tournament rules) will comprise the gold division. There will be two semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system from special tournament rules will not be used.
5. The remaining two second place teams will be joined by the top two third place teams (determined using the ;point system from the special tournament rules) will comprise the silver division. There will be two semi-finals followed by a third place game and the championship game. At the conclusion of Sundays play there will be a first, second, third and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system from special tournament rules will not be used.
6. The remaining third place teams will be joined by the two fourth place teams to comprise the bronze division and will play a round robin. The point system from the special tournament rules will be used to determine the place of each team. Only the two games played on Sunday will be used for this purpose. Saturday's games will not be used.
7. The top second place team and top third place teams will be determined by using the point system from the special tournament rules.