



2021 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 removal 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, and St Francis Middle School is private. There is NO smoking. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CONSUMPTION is allowed including the parking lots.** If a player, parent or fan from your team is found with Alcohol, your team will be removed by the umpire in chief or the tournament director for duration of the tournament. There will be no refund.
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 2021 USA 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 65 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.

For Saturdays play only, if you start an inning, then you must finish that inning. However if the home team is at bat and ahead, then the game is over.

- 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 & 8URec 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....10” soft softball used for 8URec coach pitch**

Website: www.pajarovalleygirlssoftball.com

We will post the standings on the web site as soon as we can, and will 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 three 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.

2021- 8 & 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

W Valley Slammers
San Bruno Storm
Milipitas Monsters

Group B

Campbell Crush
Spirit of Morgan Hill-Red
Salinas Enforcers

Group C

Foster City Flash
Sunnyvale Shockwave
Cabrillo Crushers

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.

2021 – 8 & Under REC (St Francis High School)

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

Group A

Santa Clara Sparks
Palo Alto Heat
Mtn Dream 2

Group B

Spirit of M Hill-white
Livermore Smoke
S San Jose Quicksilver

Group C

Roseville Thunder
Almaden Lightning
Templeton Eagles All Stars

Group D

Mtn Dream 1
LGCS Magic Teal
Alameda Blaze

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

In Group A, B, C and D , will each have three teams. Your team will play the other two teams in your group on Saturday.

2. At the conclusion of Saturday's play, all teams in their respective groups will be seeded first, second, or third, based on the point system from the special rules.
3. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
4. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
5. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.

2021 – 10B & Under (Rollings Hills Middle School)

1. There are six (6) teams in this tournament and all six will be pooled together in one Group.

P V Tremblers
LGCS Magic
S V Trouble

Spirit of Morgan Hill
Almaden Lightning
S San Jose Quicksilver

2. Each team will play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday against teams from the group. There will be one team from the group that you will not play.
3. At the conclusion of play on Sunday, all six teams will be ranked from First to Sixth using the point system from the special tournament rules.
4. The top three finishers will receive the gold division, first, second, and third respectively. The other three finishers will receive the silver division first, second and third respectively.

2021- 10C & Under (Watsonville High School)

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

Group A

Livermore Smoke - Urrutia
Santa Clara Sparks
Branham Hills Thunder

Group B

Spirit of Morgan Hill
LGCS Magic
Mtn Dream

Group C

Livermore Smoke - Thomas
Milipitas Monsters
San Mateo Slammers

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

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.

2021 – 12 “B” & “C” & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

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

Group A

W Valley Slammers
P V Tremblers
LGCS Magic-Mayder

Group B

Pleasanton Phantom
Branham Thunder
S San Jose Quicksilver

Group C

LGCS Magic-Cross
Santa Clara Sparks
Alameda Blaze

Group D

Milipitas Monsters
Mtn Dream
Rocklin All Stars

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

In Group A, B, C and D , will each have three teams. Your team will play the other two teams in your group on Saturday.

2. At the conclusion of Saturday’s play, all teams in their respective groups will be seeded first, second, or third, based on the point system from the special rules.
3. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
4. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
5. The four 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 place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.

2021- 14 & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are Seven (7) teams in this tournament and they will be pooled together.

Inferno	S V Trouble
Milipitas Monsters	Santa Clara Sparks
MGS Tremors	S C Hawks
Hollister Heat	

1. Each team will play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday against teams from the group. There will be one team from the group that you will not play.
2. At the conclusion of play on Sunday, all seven teams will be ranked from First to Seventh using the point system from the special tournament rules.
3. The top three finishers will receive the gold division, first, second, and third respectively. The other four finishers will receive the silver division first, second, third and fourth respectively.