



2022 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/USA 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. **ADSOLUTELY 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 on 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 15 minutes before the scheduled time.
9. There will be no pre-game infield practice and no hitting into fences.
10. The 2022 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 40 feet.
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 both days and 10U bat 10 with 4 outfielders both days, **also using the DP/Flex and not the EP**.....we use straight ASA/USA rules unless noted under Special Rules.

g. FOR 10U ONLY.....*NO DROP THIRD STRIKE

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.

h. STRAWBERRY JAM does use the hard Pink 10” 11” and 12” softball for this tournament for all ages 8u thru 18U....10” soft Pink softball used for 8U & 8URec coach pitch

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 can be 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.

2022- 8U (Watsonville High School)

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

Almaden Lightning	Santa Clara Sparks - Gold
San Carlos Force	Spirit of Morgan Hill
Sunnyvale Shockwave	Hollister Heat
West Valley Slammers - Red	

1. Each team will play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday against teams from the group. There will be two teams from the group that you will not play. All games on Saturday and Sunday can end in a tie.
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 remaining four finishers will receive the silver division first, second, third and fourth respectively.

2022 – 8 & Under REC (Watsonville High School)

There are Ten (10) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into three Groups. Group A and B will have three teams while Group C will have four teams.

Group A

West Valley Slammers
Almaden Boltz
LGCS Magic - Teal

Group B

San Jose Twisters
Santa Clara Sparks
Scotts Valley Trouble

Group C

P V Tremblers
Cabrillo Crushers
Mountain Dream
LGCS Magic - Blk

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

1. In Group C, your team will play two of the other three teams in your group. There is one team in your group that you will not play.
2. In Group A and B, your team will play the other two teams in your Group.
3. All games on Saturday can end in a tie.
4. At the conclusion of Saturday's Group play, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to seed for Sunday's bracket play
5. The three first place teams will comprise the gold division and will play a round robin on Sunday. There will be no tie games on Sunday. At the conclusion of the round robin games, the point system from the Special Tournament rules will be used to determine the first, second and third place teams in the gold division. Only Sundays games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.
6. The three second place teams will comprise the silver division and will play a round robin on Sunday. There will be no tie games on Sunday. At the conclusion of the round robin games, the point system from the Special Tournament rules will be used to determine the first, second and third place teams in the gold division. Only Sundays games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.
7. The three third place teams and the one fourth place team will comprise the Bronze Division. The first two games will be the semi-finals with Group A 3rd playing Group C 3rd and Group B 3rd playing Group C 4th, The two winning teams will play each other for first and second places while the two losing teams will play each other for third and fourth places. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the special tournament rules will not be used to determine the place of each team.

2022- 10 “B” & “C” Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are Sixteen (16) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into four Groups.

Group D plays Saturday at Watsonville High School. Pool team names will change for Sunday play

Group A

Mountain Dream
Santa Clara Sparks
Scotts Valley Trouble
P V Tremblers

Group B

Salinas Enforcers
San Jose Twisters
Spirit of Morgan Hill
Hollister Heat

Group C

West Sac All Stars
Crush
LGCS Magic – Avlas
Phantom

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Group D

West Valley Slammers
Almaden Lightning
Central Coast Barrels
Quicksilver - Brady

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

1. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day.
2. In all four Groups (Groups A, B, C and D) your team will play two of the other three teams in your Group. There will be one team you will not play in your group.
3. All games on Saturday can end in a tie.
4. 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. Each of the four Groups will have a first, second, third and fourth place for seeding for Sunday's bracket play.
5. The four first place teams will comprise the Gold Division. The first two games will be semi-finals with Group A 1st first playing Group B 1st first and Group C 1st first playing Group D 1st . Then the two winning teams play each other for first and second while the two losing teams play each other for third and fourth places. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the special tournament rules will not be used to determine the first, second, third and fourth place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used to determine place on Sunday.
6. The four second place teams will comprise the Silver Division. The first two games will be semi-finals with Group A 2nd first playing Group B 2nd first and Group C 2nd first playing Group D 2nd. Then the two winning teams play each other for first and second while the two losing teams play each other for third and fourth places. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the special tournament rules will not be used to determine the first, second, third and fourth place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used to determine place on Sunday.
7. The four third place teams will comprise the Bronze Division. The first two games will be semi-finals with Group A 3rd first playing Group B 3rd first and Group C 3rd first playing Group D 3rd. Then the two winning teams play each other for first and second while the two losing teams play each other for third and fourth places. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the special tournament rules will not be used to determine the first, second, third and fourth place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used to determine place on Sunday.

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8. The four fourth place teams will comprise the Copper Division. The first two games will be semi-finals with Group A 4th first playing Group B 4th first and Group C 4th first playing Group D 4th. The two winning teams play each other for first and second while the two losing teams play each other for third and fourth place. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the special tournament rules will not be used to determine the first, second, third and fourth place teams. Only Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used to determine place on Sunday.

NOTE: COPPER DIVISION TO PLAY AT WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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

There are Thirteen (13) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into three Groups. Group A will have five teams and Group B & C will each have four teams

Group A

P V Tremblers
Crush
Pacific Grove All Stars
LGCS Magic
Mountain Dream

Group B

LGCS Magic Select
San Jose Twisters
Spirit of Morgan Hill
Branham Hills Thunder

Group C

Templeton Eagles All Stars
West Valley Slammers
Alameda Lightning
San Carlos Force

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

1. In Group A, your team will play two of the other four teams in your group. There will be two of the teams in your group you will not play.
2. In Group B & C your team will play two of the other three teams in your group. There will be one of the teams in your group you will not play.
3. All games on Saturday can end in a tie.
4. At the conclusion of Saturday's Group play, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to seed for Sunday's bracket play. All teams in their respective groups will be seeded first, second, third, fourth or fifth, based on the point system from the special rules.
5. The three first place teams will comprise the Gold Division and will play a round robin on Sunday. There will be no tie games on Sunday. At the conclusion of Sunday's round robin play, the point system from the Special Tournament Rules will determine 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.
6. The three second place teams will comprise the Silver Division and will play a round robin on Sunday. There will be no tie games on Sunday. At the conclusion of Sunday's round robin play, the point system from the Special Tournament Rules will determine 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.
7. The three third place teams will comprise the Bronze Division and will play a round robin on Sunday. There will be no tie games on Sunday. At the conclusion of Sunday's round robin play, the point system from the Special Tournament Rules will determine 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.

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- 8.** The three fourth place teams and one fifth place team will comprise the Copper Division. The first two games will be the semi-finals with Group A 4th playing Group B 4th and Group C 4th playing Group A 5th. Then the two winning teams will play each other for first and second place while the two losing teams play each other for third and fourth places. No games on Sunday can end in a tie. The point system from the Special Tournament Rules will not be used to determine the place of each team.