



2024 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. USA Insurance certificates.
 - b. Rosters, Limit 20 players. USA birthday cards on hand
 - 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. Service Dogs are fine.
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 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
9. There will be no pre-game infield practice and no hitting into fences.
10. The Current 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 limit, except that no new inning to 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 75 minutes, but the run rule is still in affect. Game Time starts at coin toss.

For Saturdays play only, At time limit the score stands and the game will STOP - 75 minutes, except that no new inning to start after 65 minutes. However if the home team is at bat and ahead, then the game is over. Saturdays can have ties. (8U or 8U Rec has 70 minutes, no new game after 60)

- 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 at 75 min, 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 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 send out an email or text with Sundays game times on Saturday night. We do not use USA Tournament.

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.

2024- 8 & Under Rec (Watsonville High School)

There are Fifteen (15) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into Four Groups.

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

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
P V Tremblers	Mountain Dream	Millbrae Mischief	W Valley Slammers
LGCS Magic - Zanotto	LGCS Magic - Piatt	S V Trouble	Almaden Lightning
Cabrillo Crushers	Santa Clara Sparks	Sonoma Revolution	Sunnyvale Shockwave
Branham Hills Thunder	Bobby Sox Salinas	LGCS Magic - Llantero	

1. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day.
2. In Group D, each team will play the other two teams in its Group.
3. In Group A, Group B, Group C, each team will play two of the other three teams in its Group. There will be one team in your Group that you will not play.
4. All games on Saturday can end in a tie.
5. At the conclusion of the Group play on Saturdays, the point system from the special tournament rules will be used to seed for Sunday's bracket play of elimination games. Group A, Group B and Group C, will have a First, second, third and fourth place teams. Group D will have a First, second, and third place.
6. 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, and fourth place teams in the gold division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
7. 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, and fourth place teams in the silver division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.

8. 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, and fourth place teams in the bronze division The point system will not be used to determine the place of each team.
9. The three fourth place teams will comprise the copper 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.

2024 – 10B & Under (Watsonville High School)

1. There are seven (7) teams in this tournament and all seven will be pooled together in one Group.

W Valley Slammers
 LGCS - Russell
 CGFS Crush

Foster City Flash
 Belmont Blast
 Quicksilver
 Vacaville Elite

2. Group play is on Saturday and also on Sunday.
3. Each team will play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday against the other teams from the group. There will be two teams from the group that you will not play.
4. Each Team will play four of the seven teams in the Group. Each all four games on Saturday and Sunday can in a tie.
5. At the conclusion of play on Sunday (four games), all seven teams will be ranked from First to Seventh using the point system from the special tournament rules.
6. The top four finishers will receive the gold division, first, second, third and fourth respectively. The other three finishers will receive the silver division first, second and third respectively.

2024- 10C & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

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

Group A

W Valley Slammers
 Foster City Flash
 Pleasanton Phantom
 Santa Clara Sparks - Royal

Group B

S V Trouble
 LGCS Magic
 Sunnyvale Shockwave
 Sonoma Revolution

Group C

Campbell Crush
 Mountain Dream
 Santa Clara Sparks - Gold
 P V Tremblers

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

1. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two (2) games on that day.
2. In Group A, B, and C each team will play two of the other three teams in the Group. There will be one team in your Group you will not play.

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. Groups A, B, and C there will be a First, second , third and fourth place for seeding for Sunday's bracket play.
5. The first place team from each of the three groups will comprise the gold division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.
6. The second place team from each of the three groups will comprise the silver division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.
7. The third place team from each of the three groups will comprise the bronze division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.
8. The fourth place team from each of the three groups will comprise the copper division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday's games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday's games will not be used.

2024 – 12 “B” Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are eight (8) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into two Groups.

Group A and B will play at Rolling Hills Middle School on Saturday.

Group A
 Pleasanton Phantom
 Hollister Blackjacks
 Santa Clara Sparks
 LGCS Magic – O'Reilly

Group B
 W Sacramento Legends
 LGCS Magic - Borrelli
 Spirit of Morgan Hill
 Campbell Crush

1. Group play is on Saturday and all teams will play two games on that day.
2. In Group A and B, your team will play two of the other three teams in your group. There will be one team in your group you will not play.
3. All Games on Saturday can end in a tie.
4. At the conclusion of Group play on Saturdays, the point system from the Special Tournament rules will be used to seed for Sundays bracket play of elimination games. Group A and Group B will have a First, second, third, fourth place for seeding for Sundays bracket play.

5. The first and second place teams from pool A and the first and second place teams from pool B will comprise the gold division. Pool A 1st will play pool B 2nd in one semifinal game while Pool B 1st will play Pool A 2nd in the other semifinal game. Then the two winning teams will play for first and second place and the two losing teams will play 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.
6. The third and fourth place from pool A and the third and fourth place teams from pool B will comprise the silver division. Pool A 3rd will play pool B 4th in one semifinal game while Pool B 3rd will play Pool A 4th in the other semifinal game. Then the two winning teams will play for first and second place and the two losing teams will play 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.

2024 – 12 “C” Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are nine (9) teams in this tournament and they will be divided into two Groups. Each Group will have four teams

Group A
 W Valley Slammers
 S V Trouble
 Mountain Dream

Group B
 Pleasant Hill Panthers
 Bobby Sox Salinas
 Mad River Mist

Group C
 Sonoma Revolution
 Spirit of Morgan Hill
 P V Tremblers

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

1. All Games on Saturday can end in a tie.
2. At the conclusion of Group play on Saturdays, the point system from the Special Tournament rules will be used to seed for Sundays bracket play of elimination games. Group A and Group B and Group C will have a First, second, third for seeding for Sundays bracket play.
3. The first place team from each of the three groups will comprise the gold division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday’s games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday’s games will not be used.
4. The second place team from each of the three groups will comprise the silver division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday’s games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday’s games will not be used.
5. The third place team from each of the three groups will comprise the bronze division. The three teams will play round robin on Sunday. The special tournament rules will be used to determine first, second and third place only. Sunday’s games will be used to determine the place of each team. Saturday’s games will not be used.

2024- 14 & Under (Rolling Hills Middle School)

There are five (5) teams in this tournament and they will be pooled together as one group.

Benicia Outlaws
Livermore Smoke
Norcal Renegades
Rocklin Thundercats
Sonoma Revolution

1. Each team will play two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday against the other four teams from the group. All games on Saturday and Sunday can end in tie.
2. At the conclusion of play on Sunday all five teams will be ranked from first thru fifth using the points system from the special tournament rules. This will be used to determine, First place, second place, third place, fourth place and fifth place for the tournament.