

# Finesse Invitational Showcase October 17-18, 2020

## Tournament Rules

**Tournament format: 3 pool games seeding into a box bracket (5GG) for 14u & 16u. 18u will be 5 Pool games. The Director reserves the right to change the tournament format.**

### NFHS rules will be followed with the following exceptions

1. Free defensive substitution for pool and bracket games.
2. Teams may bat 10 or more batters for pool and bracket games. Must maintain integrity of the line-up.
3. **Dugout assignments:** Team listed first (pool games) or top of the bracket, occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout unless team already occupies from previous game.
4. **Line-up cards:** Coaches should exchange line-up cards at the pre-game conference and provide a copy to the home plate umpire.
5. **Courtesy runners** for pitchers & catchers can be someone not in the batting order or last batted out if all players are in the Line-up. Pinch runners will be a normal substitution.
6. **Pitching:** Pitcher is allowed to step back with one foot in contact with the rubber.
7. **Time limit:** No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 40 minutes from the completion of the pre-game conference. Tournament Director may change time limit if needed. Game time will be kept by the umpires on the field.
8. **Run Rule:** 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings for pool & bracket play
9. **Home team:** Will be determined by flip of coin at pre-game conference.
10. **Pool games:** Teams will receive 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. Games can end in a tie after 7 innings or time limit.
11. **Bracket games must have a winner.** International tiebreaker rules start at the end of 7 innings or following a completed inning after time expires. ITB will start with the last 2 batted outs on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
12. **Forfeit time:** Game time is forfeit time unless a team is held up by a late-running game. Teams should be prepared, as early as 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
13. **Warm-ups:** Pre-game warm-ups should be beyond HR fences, in the batting cages or in designated areas. No warm-ups on the infield inside the base paths. No hitting into fences. Please be considerate of field maintenance crews and other teams.
14. **Weather Issues:** All head coaches should provide a cell number to the tournament director at check-in. Coaches should follow me on twitter: @donnysoftball for weather updates and updated game time changes.
15. **Insurance:** All teams should provide proof of Insurance at check-in
16. **Rosters:** Open rosters, you do not need to turn a roster a in.

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