

2012 STORM CLASSIC RULES

Due to NCAA rules governing the number of games that can be played in a 24 hour period ALL 7th grade (13u) thru 17u teams should plan to play Friday evening. Bracket play begins Saturday evening.

Tiebreakers for seeding purposes within pools will be as follows:

- 1) head to head
- 2) point differential in all games (20 pt. Max)
- 3) coin toss performed by the tournament or site director - coaches to be present

1. All 4th, 5th & 6th grade games will be played with a 28.5 size ball. All 7th grade thru 17U games will be played with a 29.5 regulation size ball.
2. Games length will consist of two 14 minute stopped clock halves for 4th thru 6th grade and two 16 minute stopped clock halves for 7th grade thru 17U with a 4-minute halftime for ALL age levels. There will be a 5-minute warm-up period between games time permitting.
3. Overtime periods will be two (2) minutes in length (stopped clock). In pool play only, the second overtime will be decided by the team who scores the first TWO points.
4. Teams will be allowed (3) full time-outs during the regulation game. Teams will receive (1) time out in overtime. Time-outs do NOT carry over from regulation to the over-time period.
5. There will be a running clock any time the lead is 25 points or more AND the game has less than TWELVE minutes remaining. A stopped clock is in effect again below 20 points.
6. Players will be allowed to play for one team only. Once a player enters a game for one team, he will no longer be eligible to participate for another team. This rule is in effect to protect the health and safety of our players. The decision of the tournament director and/or committee will be final.
7. Unsigned seniors are not eligible for the Storm Classic. Teams looking to have an unsigned senior participate in the 17u (Senior to be) division will need special approval from the tournament director prior to the event. Player eligibility will be determined on a GRADE basis. A player may compete at a grade level below his grade **ONLY IF** his birth date conforms with USSSA guidelines **AND** he receives approval from the tournament director prior to the event. Any player playing down a grade level may not turn the age above the division he is competing in prior to September 1, 2012. Any team violating the player eligibility rules will forfeit. Verifiable proof of eligibility must be presented to the site director immediately upon request. The tournament director's decision will be final in all matters regarding eligibility.
8. If a player or coach is ejected from the game they will automatically be suspended for the next game and may be ejected from the tournament. The tournament director/committee may exercise discretion and will have the final decision. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at this event. Any fan, parent, coach or player not meeting this obligation will be asked to leave the facility no questions asked.** NO refunds will be given.
9. All teams are expected to arrive for games PRIOR to the scheduled start times. A five-minute grace period will be allowed before a forfeit is declared. In bracket play, if a team cannot advance, the losing team will advance in their place. The tournament director or site director will have final say regarding all forfeits.
10. All protests must be communicated to the site director 15 minutes after the completion of the game. Any final score discrepancies will be decided by the official book. The competition committee and tournament director decision will be final.
11. There is no designated "home team" as some teams have only one set of uniforms at this time of year. It is suggested that the first team listed in pool play and the top team in the bracket play be home and wear white jerseys and sit to the left of the score table.
12. ALL 7th grade thru 17u (senior to be) teams **MUST** submit their rosters with the NCAA prior to the event deadline. Coaches and any bench personnel for these teams **MUST** be NCAA certified and will need to go through the NCAA approval process for this years event. **ONLY coaches who have been approved by the NCAA will be allowed on the bench - NO EXCEPTIONS.** This rule will be strictly enforced throughout the event.
13. ALL 7th grade thru 17u (senior to be) teams are **required to attend a MANDATORY NCAA educational seminar at this years event.** Specific times will be assigned (suggested). All players must complete the mandatory seminar (NCAA video) prior to bracket play. Players who do not complete the requirement will not be allowed to participate. This rule will be strictly enforced.
14. NCAA rules and regulations regarding rosters and bench coaches do not apply to teams in the 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade divisions. Each team in these divisions will be given two coaches passes and a scorekeeper pass for the event.