

2019 Bison Showdown Tournament Rules and Information

Thank you for participating in our 2019 Bison Showdown Tournament. Our mission for the tournament is to promote good sportsmanship, good competition and for everyone involved to have a great overall experience.

Locations – We will be utilizing three sites, they are:

1. Lions Park (LP) – 2nd Street N.E., Buffalo, MN 55313
2. Bentfield Mills Park (BM) – 1306 County Road 34, Buffalo, MN 55313
3. Northwinds Elementary School (NW) – 1111 7th Ave. N.W., Buffalo, MN 55313
4. Buffalo Senior High School - 877 Bison Blvd Buffalo, MN 55313

Web link for on-line directions: <http://www.bisonfp.com/page/show/696790-bgfa-field-locations>

Check-in: All teams must check in at the tournament headquarters (Camper) located at Bentfield Mills Park next to concession stand by fields #1 and #2 at least 30 minutes prior to your first pool play game with the following:

1. Completed USA Roster
2. Completed Liability Waiver & Release (Each team must complete waiver – NO EXCEPTIONS)

The Tournament Headquarters and Umpire in Charge (UIC) will be located at Bentfield Mills Park. Each site will have a tournament official to collect blue cards and provide information.

Additional Information:

- 1. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to adjust the number of games, game length and schedule to meet conditions. We will post changes to our website: www.bisonfp.com click on Bison Showdown.**
2. On-line brackets are considered official. Coaches are required to check the website in the event of changes.
- 3. No soft-toss batting against the fences is allowed at any of the sites.** Each site has warm-up field space and batting cages.
4. All dugouts will be covered.
5. We encourage patronage at our concession stands at each site and to our vendors that will be attending the tournament. Please, no grilling or carry-ins on-site. We will have a lot of great items for your teams and families!

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1. This tournament is USA sanctioned.
2. This tournament offers berths to the MOA national championship tournaments to the two highest placing teams in each bracket ("Platinum" or "Gold" and "Silver" or "Bronze") that are USA qualified. "Platinum" and "Gold" bracket qualifiers will be offered berths to the USA "A" nationals and "Silver" and "Bronze" bracket qualifiers will be offered berths to the USA "B" nationals. USA membership is not a requirement for participation in this tournament; however, USA membership prior to the beginning of tournament play is a requirement if you wish to compete for the USA national tournament berths.
3. Except where modified by these rules, USA rules govern play.
4. Protests on the interpretation of game rules shall be decided on the playing field and must be made before the next pitch is thrown. The decision of the umpire is final. No appeals to the tournament director will be allowed.
5. Umpires will turn in blue scorecard to tournament official at tournament headquarters or concession stand, depending on site.
6. Tournament format is pool play for seeding into multiple brackets. Five games are guaranteed – Weather permitting.
7. Home team shall be determined by ball roll or Coin Flip in pool play. In bracket play the higher seed will be the home team.
8. At all levels, batting of the entire roster and unlimited substitution is mandatory. A courtesy runner is optional for the pitcher and catcher. The runner shall be the player that made the last out.
9. Defensive substitutions are unlimited.
10. There are no restrictions to the number of innings a pitcher can pitch.
11. 10U games will be (5) innings, 12U, 14U & 16U games will be (7) innings or until time has expired, whichever comes first. Pool and non-championship bracket games are limited to 65 minutes with no new inning to start after the time limit has run. Only the current inning is to be completed after the time limit expires. The tournament director reserves the right to modify game times and durations in the event of inclement weather.
12. 5 run rule per half inning will apply to all pool play games at 10U and 12U. 10U and 12U will follow the same rules as 14U and 16U, with the exception of the 5 run rule per half inning in pool play games. Unlimited runs for 14U and 16U in pool play and bracket play games. Player may advance to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike. Unlimited base stealing and advancement on overthrows. Stealing of home is permitted.
13. Ties will be broken using the international rule after time expires in bracket play and while time permits in pool play. Pool play games may end in a tie.
14. There will be a 15-run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 and 8 runs after 5 innings for all levels of play.
15. 10U Championship games will play 5 innings or 70 minutes, whichever comes first. Same rules apply. In the event of a tie, international tie breaker rules will apply. 5 run rule per half inning will apply.
16. 12U, 14U and 16U Championship games will play 7 innings or 75 minutes, whichever comes first. Same rules apply. In the event of a tie, international tie breaker rules will apply. Unlimited runs for 12U, 14U and 16U.
17. Forfeits – Any team not on the field and ready to play within 10 minutes of their game start time will forfeit the game, unless delay results from previous game delay. In the event that a team forfeits a game, the opposing team will be credited with a 7-0 win, and the forfeiting team a 7-0 loss in the 12U, 14U and 16U Divisions. In the 10U Division the opposing team will be credited with a 5-0 win. All forfeits count towards the five game guarantee.
18. Teams must field a team with a minimum of 8 players. There will be no penalty for playing with 8.
19. The criteria for placement of teams into bracket play in order of priority are: Win/Loss Record, Head to Head Competition, Fewest Runs Allowed, Most Runs Scored, Coin Flip.
20. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place and medals for 3rd place in Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Brackets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Boser at 612.839.7676

Good Luck and Have Fun!!