



*Greater Kansas City*

# LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

## Tournament Packet

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## WELCOME LETTER

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**Dear Coaches, Players and Spectators,**

**Thank you for selecting our event to play in. We understand you have several options you can choose and we appreciate your support in our mission.**

**The Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy is a non-profit organization with the mission to empower Kansas City's Underserved youth ages 6-18 through baseball and softball, academic and social opportunities to be the leaders of tomorrow. The vision for the Academy is to become the epicenter for youth baseball and softball throughout the Midwest. Beginning with the urban community and its location in the backyard of the historical 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine District.**

**We hope you enjoy your time and your experience at our State-of-the-art facility, and we look forward to hosting this event.**

**Sincerely,**

**Casey Borovac**

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## Tournament Itinerary:

### June 28th

- 5:30pm– 7:30pm– Fun Activities for the whole family
- 6:00pm-7:00pm—Players Skills Clinic
- 6:00pm-8:00pm—Pictures by Shutterbug Sue Photography
- 7:15pm-All teams report to Salvy Field to get staged for parade.  
TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE and CARRY TEAM POSTERS.
- 7:30pm- Parade Starts

### June 29th

- 9:00am– Pool Games begin
- 9:00am– Shutterbug Sue Photography

### June 30th -

- 9:00am– First Bracket Games

**Shutterbug Sue Photography:** Available for Action Shots and team pictures. Prices \$15.00 individual Player, or \$100 for the Whole team. Individual/Teams will receive a digital copy of the pictures.

**Programs: Post Tournament Programs will be available for purchase after the completion of the event. To submit pictures please email them to [Casey.Borovac@Royals.com](mailto:Casey.Borovac@Royals.com)**

**Tournament Shirts: \$15.00 and all other Softball Apparel will be available for purchase.**



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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- Location:** All events related to the tournament will be located at the Urban Youth Academy of Kansas City. Located at 1622 E. 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108
- Check-In:** Your Coach is required to check in with the onsite supervisor prior to your first game.
- Schedule:** The Schedule will be posted on [kc.youthacademytournaments.com](http://kc.youthacademytournaments.com) the Wednesday prior to the event.
- Cleats:** **Metal Spikes are strictly prohibited**, Molded Cleats, Turf Shoes, or Tennis are required.
- Facility Rules:** All of our state-of-the-art turf fields require strict adherence to the following rule: **NO GUM, NO SEEDS, NO METAL SPIKES, NO PETS, NO COOLERS, NO OUTSIDE FOOD, NO OUTSIDE DRINK.**
- Balls:** UYA will provide all game balls.
- Batting Cages:** Each field has a batting cage down each line. Teams may have access to these areas 45 minutes before their scheduled game time to warm up. The UYA will have a Tee and Baseballs in each of these cages for use. Please pick up all baseballs once your team has completed your warm-up.
- Dugouts:** Players and coaches are the only individuals allowed in the dugout. Home team will occupy the first base dugout.
- Home Team:** Pool Games only: The home team and visiting team will be determined by a coin toss when line-ups are turned in to the home plate umpire prior to the game.  
Brackets Games: Home team is determined by the Higher seed.
- Playing Rules:** All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the USA Softball playing rules with the exception of the rules listed in the appendix.
- Game Times:** All Pool Play and bracket games will be played with a strict 1 hour 45 min. time limit. No Inning can Start after the time limit. In case of a tie see additional rules listed in the appendix.
- Line Up Forms:** Managers must use First and Last Names and jersey number when filling out the line-up forms. You should turn in your line-up cards 15 minutes prior to your next game.
- Scorekeeping:** The home team will keep the Official Game Book for their game.



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- Parking:** There is no charge for parking. However, UYA shares a parking lot with other businesses in the 18th and Vine District. You can access this lot from Paseo Blvd or 18th Street. While this lot is first-come, first served, there are some areas that we reserve for other businesses in the district –PLEASE respect those areas where you see “ No Event Parking” signs.
- Admission:** **NO GATE FEE’S.**
- Seating:** The complex has PLENTY of seating available for spectators, so we encourage parents to leave their folding chairs in the car. While not prohibited, we encourage you to do so to make the walk in from the designated parking areas easier!
- Concessions:** UYA will have concessions available during the event. Reminder NO OUTSIDE FOOD and DRINK is permitted.
- Souvenirs:** Souvenirs will be available throughout the entire weekend.
- Photos:** With entering your team in this event you are authorizing UYA use of pictures taken on property for our website, social media and promotional materials.
- Hotels:** You are welcome to book any hotel you wish, this is not a Stay to Play event. Some regions have designated hotels, please check with your region representative if you wish to stay together.
- Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, we will do everything we can to get the event it. However in those instances were we can’t the following policy will be used.  
0 Games played, Entry fee minus- \$50 administrative fee  
1 Game played, 50% refund  
2 Games played, 25% refund

# RULES APPENDIX

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**Coaches: Be sure you are aware of all rules. Although unforeseen, the UYA Staff reserves the right to amend these rules at any time for specific tournament play. USA SOFTBALL Fastpitch rules will be used with the following exceptions:**

**Playing Rules: General Rules for All Divisions:**

Playing Rules: We will follow all USA Softball rules in the current edition except where noted in this section.

Time Limit: A game will consist of one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) and finish the inning for coach pitch through 4th division. A game will consist of one hour with a minimum of 3 full innings played for T-ball.

Run Limit: a. Seven runs scored by a team will constitute the end of that half inning. b. A game shall be complete if there is a 15 run lead after 3 innings or an 8 run lead after 5 innings by either team

Number of players: 10 Players may be used. 4 Outfielders, 6 Infielders

Free Defensive Substitution

Roster bating is required.

Managers and Coaches: a. It is the responsibility of the Managers and Coaches to keep their players and themselves in control at all times. Also, the Managers will assist the Umpires in controlling the crowd and parents and followers of their teams by explaining the aims of the game. They should familiarize themselves with the official rules of softball as published by the USA Softball.

The use of alcoholic beverages and Tobacco products is strictly prohibited

Scorekeepers: The home team scorekeeper is considered official

**T-Ball Division Rules:** The Playing Rules for Fast Pitch, as written in the current USA Softball Official Rule Book and the BSSA General Playing Rules, will be followed in this division. Exception Rules for this division are listed below and will be followed in place of the USA Softball Rules.

1. Purpose of T-Ball: a. The purpose of the T-Ball Division is to have fun while instructing on basic skills.

b. games should be conducted in an educational and motivating manor.

2. Field Dimensions and Playing Area: a. Bases shall be 60 feet between bases; 35 feet between home plate and the pitching rubber; the pitching circle shall be marked at 16 feet in diameter. b. Base lines shall be marked from first base to second base and from second base to third base c. An arc shall be marked ten feet from the rear of home plate in the field of play, foul line to foul line. Inside this arc is foul territory. d. Regulation batter's box will be used. Refer to USA Softball rules. e. Definition of Infield: The term 'infield' is defined as that area of the field on the home side of the chalk lines running from first to second and from second to third and extending to the dugout fences in foul territory.

4. Game Defined: a. There are no strikeouts. b. No Stealing. A runner cannot advance until the ball is hit. c. Once the ball reaches the infield, whether in control by a player or not, play is dead.

5. Number of Players: a. T-Ball will be allowed any number of players to start or finish a game. b. Players may be freely substituted. Each player shall play a minimum of two defensive innings. The number of player's field by each team does not have to be equal.

6. Inning Play a. A half inning is over when all players have batted. b. A half inning shall terminate only when: i. The last batter of the inning hits a caught ball ii. The last batter has crossed home plate iii. The last batter has been tagged out.

7. Batting: a. All players must bat in the same rotation during the game, except the leadoff batter will rotate down each inning. b. Batting tee shall be placed so that it is on or in front of, but touching home plate. c. Umpire's judgment that a batter is out if the bat is thrown after hitting the ball. d. The defensive team and umpire must be notified when the last batter comes to bat

8. Defense: a. Maximum of 7 girls playing on the infield with the rest in the outfield. b. The pitcher must keep one foot in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is struck at. VIOLATION: 1<sup>st</sup> time warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> time player is removed from the pitching position.

9. Managers and Coaches: a. Two base coaches for the team at bat. One offensive coach shall take a position behind the batter's box near the fence. This person shall be responsible for the removal of the batting tee from the plate and playing area if a runner is advancing home, and to help adjust the player to swing.

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**Coach Pitch Division Rules:** The Playing Rules for Fast Pitch, as written in the current USA Softball Official Rule Book and the BSSA General Playing Rules, will be followed in this division. Exception Rules for this division are listed below and will be followed in place of the USA Softball Rules.

**Batting:** a. A batter will be called out after five (5) pitches. Field Umpire will notify batter prior to the fifth pitch. b. Strikes will not be called. After 5 pitches, batter is called out unless the fifth pitch is fouled, a sixth and final pitch is allowed. c. All team members are to bat whether playing in the field or not. d. No bunting will be allowed. e. The home scorekeeper is responsible for keeping track of the batting order and runs. 6. **Defense:** a. Maximum of 6 girls playing on the infield and 4 in the out-field grass.

The pitcher must be in the pitcher's circle when the ball is delivered. c. The pitcher must be STATIONARY, not forward of the Coach when the ball is released. (Violation: First time = warning, second time = removal of the player from the pitcher's position for the remainder of the game.)

**Base Running:** a. No Stealing. b. No Infield Fly Rule. c. Base runners cannot leave a base until after the ball is out of the pitcher's hand. (Violation: Runner is out) d. Bases awarded on an overthrow – ball remains in play. i. Play At any base: Batter and base runners may advance two bases only (the base that they are going to plus one) with liability to be put out. If a play is made on the batter or base runner attempting to advance and another overthrow is made, they may not advance further. The goal is to permit the team in the field to attempt to make the play without penalty.

Two base coaches for the team at bat. One offensive coach shall take a position of the Pitcher. c. Two defensive coaches are allowed to stay on the field at all times, this is only for the purpose of instruction and placement between plays.

**10U Rules:** The Playing Rules for Fast Pitch, as written in the current USA Softball Official Rule Book and the BSSA General Playing Rules, will be followed in this division. Exception Rules for this division are listed below and will be followed in place of the USA Softball Rules.

1. **Batting Order:** a. All players in this division, on all teams, will bat in rotation during the game.

2. **Stealing:** Runners starting at first or second base are entitled to advance or steal one base only per pitch with liability to be put out. Runners starting at third base may not steal or advance home but are liable to be put out if they come off the base. a. A runner, attempting to advance beyond the one base they are entitled to advance or steal, may be put out while between bases. A runner cannot be put out while in sole contact with the base. b. After all play ceases, and the ball becomes dead, if a runner occupies a base beyond the one the runner was entitled to advance or steal, the runner will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out. c. If a batter strikes out and the ball is dropped, the batter is out and cannot advance to first base, but the ball remains live for the purpose of throwing the advancing runner out. d. A batter, who receives a base on balls, cannot advance past first base. If the batter-runner advances further, once the ball becomes dead, return the batter-runner to 1st base.

3. **Strike Zone:** a. The strike zone shall be enlarged, when the player is in a natural stance. To include the top of the shoulders to the bottom of the knees. The strike zone shall also be enlarged to include the width of a softball on each side of home plate.

4. **Infield Fly Rule:** a. There is no Infield Fly Rule in 10U.

5. **Pitching:** a. After 3 players have walked or been hit in a given half inning, every girl walked or hit for the rest of the half inning will not go to first base. Instead, the 4th batter walked or hit and all thereafter in the half inning will be pitched to by their team representative. They will receive 3 pitches. If the ball is not put into play then the batter is out. Example - Three girls in a ½ inning have been walked or hit and received their free base. A 4th batter in a ½ inning has been walked or hit, but instead of the 4th batter receiving a free base the batting teams' designee comes out to pitch to the batter. The batter will receive 3 pitches only. After the batter has either put the ball in play or received 3 pitches the batting teams' designee will leave the field and the player pitcher will return for the next batter. The batting teams' designee will return to pitch for each player walked or hit for the remaining ½ inning. b. The team representative pitcher will be designated by the coach/manager prior to start of game and may pitch from anywhere in the circle.