



2019 Independence Classic

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Welcome to the 21st annual **Independence Classic, June 21-23** at Rolf Park and the CYO complex. Directions to each complex can be found below. Detailed rules and information follow. Please check in at tournament headquarters at least 30 minutes before your first game. Gates to the complex will open no earlier than ONE HOUR BEFORE GAME TIME.

Roster: Your official roster will be due at time of check-in. You may email your roster in advance. FOR THIS TOURNAMENT, A PLAYER WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THEIR AGE DIVISION ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE AT 12:01 a.m. JANUARY 1, 2019. Proof of age may be required. Photocopies of birth certificates are acceptable.

Rules: All play will be governed by the Official Rules of Softball and ASA/USA Code as published by the Amateur Softball Association with the following exceptions.

You may bat as many players as you wish in pool and bracket play. Unlimited defensive substitutions allowed. Rules apply to pool and championship rounds.

Courtesy runner for pitchers and catchers allowed. (**First option** is a runner who has not participated in the game. **Second option** is player who made last out.)

POOL GAMES that are tied after the regulation number of innings, or after the time limit is reached, WILL BE RECORDED AS A TIE. Run Rules: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5. A coin flip will determine the home team.

Each team must be registered with ASA/USA Softball for this sanctioned tournament. You may register on site for \$35.

Time Limit: There will be a 75-minute time limit for each game leading to the championship games. **The time limit for championship games is extended to 90 minutes.** The official time begins immediately following the home plate conference. No new inning in pool play will start after 75 minutes have elapsed. Innings that have started when the time limit has been reached will be completed. There will be a 5-minute grace period. Teams not present for the start of their game will forfeit. Games will begin immediately upon conclusion of the previous game if the schedule on that diamond is on time or running behind. There will be no pre-game warm-up period.

Pool Play Format & Championship Rounds:

10u, 12u, 18u and over-18 divisions will play four pool games. Following pool play all teams will be seeded into a single-elimination bracket for championship play on Sunday. Seeding will be determined by pool game record. **14u and 16u divisions** will play five pool games. The top two teams from each pool will advance to single-elimination play on Sunday. Cross-over games do not count toward advancement, (except for two teams that play 6 pool games. Their 6th game will not count toward advancement.) Ties will be broken by head-to-head results, fewest runs allowed, then runs scored.

Higher seeded teams will be the home team in championship play. **Bracket games that are tied after the regulation number of innings, or after the time limit is reached, WILL USE THE INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER FORMAT until a winner is determined.**

Report Your Scores: You will receive score sheets at the time of check-in. Turn in completed score sheets to tournament headquarters immediately following each game -- win or lose.

Admission Fee: There will be **a \$6 daily admission fee** charged for adults and students. Children 6 and under are free. A daily family pass will be available for \$18 (immediate family only.) An all-tournament pass will also be available for \$14 per person, or \$40 for an all-tournament family pass (immediate family only.) Tickets are good for all games. **You are provided three all-tournament passes for coaches and bench personnel. No other complimentary passes will be provided.**

Inclement Weather: The tournament director will rule on weather delays or postponements. This is the tournament's general policy regarding weather delays/postponements: If a game is delayed by inclement weather by more than 15 minutes past its scheduled starting time, the tournament director may rule to cancel the game entirely, or to adjust the tournament schedule by shortening the games or adjusting the time schedule to enable games to be played.

Rain Refund Policy: If 3 or more games are played, no refund; 2 games played -- \$50 refund; 1 game played -- \$100 refund; no games played -- \$150 refund.

Tournament Hot Line: Information regarding weather delays and postponements will be available by calling the tournament director's mobile number: 419-360-0702. Information will be disseminated by email, text message and Facebook - www.facebook.com/fastpitchclassictoledo

The full schedule and tournament details are posted at www.fastpitchclassic.com. Watch for tournament updates and alerts by email, text messages and Facebook.

Souvenirs, Equipment and Services: Official tournament t-shirts and other apparel will be on sale throughout the tournament. **Team discounts on tournament shirts are available when purchasing 8 or more shirts. Pre-orders are accepted.**

Rolf Park (2115 Cass Road, Maumee 43537) Rolf Park is an 8-diamond complex located in Maumee on Cass Road between Heatherdowns and Dussel Drive. It is adjacent to the Ohio Turnpike (I-80/90) and convenient to Gate 4 which exits on Reynolds Road. From Reynolds and Dussel (south of I-80/90), go east on Dussel to Cass. Turn left on Cass. The complex is on your left. Pets are allowed at this complex.

CYO Athletic Complex (555 S. Holland-Sylvania Rd. 43615)

The 8-diamond complex is on Holland-Sylvania Road between Hill Avenue and Angola Road in South Toledo. **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS COMPLEX. ALSO, NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL OR PROFANITY. NO GRILLS ALLOWED INSIDE THE COMPLEX. GRILLS ARE OK IN THE PARKING LOT.**

Tournament Rules Summary **2019 Independence Classic**

75 minute time limit will be in effect for **ALL** games up to the championship game which will be extended to **90 minutes**. Innings **WILL BE COMPLETED**. **GAME TIME BEGINS UPON CONCLUSION OF THE HOMEPLATE CONFERENCE.**

Coin toss determines home team in pool games. Higher seed is the home team in Sunday championship round games.

RUN RULES: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5

Teams may bat as many as they wish. Unlimited defensive substitutions allowed.

Courtesy runner for pitchers and catchers allowed. (**First option** is a runner who has not participated in the game. **Second option** is player who made last out.)

TIE GAMES...Pool games will end in a tie when games are tied at the end of 7 innings or when the time limit has been reached. The International tiebreaker will be used for all bracket and championship games until a winner is determined.

Pool Tie-breakers: (1) Head-to-head (2) Fewest runs allowed
(3) Most runs scored (4) Coin flip

All other rules will be governed by the ASA rules of softball. Decisions made on the field of play by umpires will be final.

Games may be shortened, rescheduled or cancelled due to weather if deemed appropriate by the tournament director. Updates will be communicated by email, text and Facebook.

All other decisions and judgments regarding the operation of the tournament will be made by the tournament director - Mark Tooman...(419) 360-0702 (mobile).