



2022 Independence Classic

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Welcome to the 24th annual **INDEPENDENCE Classic, June 24-26** at the Rolf Park complex in Maumee. Directions to the complex can be found below. Detailed rules and information follow.

Please check in at tournament headquarters located at the lettered diamonds (south quad) at least 30 minutes before your first game.

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, 2022. 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. DH can be used. Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed for players who are in the batting line-up. 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.

USA/ASA REQUIREMENTS -- IMPORTANT

Teams are required to be sanctioned by USA/ASA Softball to play in any of the three Fast Pitch Classic tournaments. Please review the following requirements necessary to obtain your sanction. Coaches must complete a background check and the Safe Sports program at www.registerusasoftball.com. This is required each year. At least one coach must be ACE certified and be present at the games. We recommend that assistant coaches also obtain ACE certification in case the head coach cannot be present for a game or gets ejected from a game. Concussion training also must be up to date. Concussion training is valid for three years. Here is the [concussion training link](#).

USA/ASA sanction cards cannot be distributed without proof of background checks and completion of the Safe Sports program. Proof of background checks and completion of the Safe Sports program that were completed as requirements for other sanctioning bodies (i.e. USSSA, NSA) is acceptable. Each team must be registered with ASA/USA Softball for this sanctioned tournament. Youth teams may register in advance for \$45 at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnVY8_0WhiCKIXNIDxtnzWKjGpuL13N6f3HrObnbAGLOf9aw/viewform.

Adult teams may register for \$30 at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCHQIfTu00-SiZ36YHKWmIvnJN_xGTRMLYnKQHqGNn0NGEpA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Time Limit: There will be a 75-minute time limit for all games, including championship games. 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:

All 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. Ties will be broken by head-to-head results, fewest runs allowed, then runs scored.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SEEDING: In cases where teams in an age division play a different number of pool games due to weather cancellations or other unforeseen issues, seeding will be determined by the following formula: Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Total points earned then will be divided by the number of games played to determine the average points earned per game played. Teams then will be seeded from the highest to the lowest average points earned per game played. If teams are tied with the same average points earned per game, the first tie breaker will be average runs given up per game played, then average runs scored per game played.

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 - WINNING TEAMS must text your game scores to 419-360-0702 immediately upon conclusion of your game. Please confirm the final score with the other team before texting. Identify the day/scheduled game time, and teams by the team name and age group.

The tournament schedule and real-time scores and standings will be available to all participants and spectators using the EventConnect app. Please download the app from the usual app stores and search for the tournament in advance.

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 \$15 per person, or \$45 for an all-tournament family pass (immediate family only.) Tickets are good for all games. **You are provided three all-tournament wrist bands for coaches and bench personnel. No other complimentary passes will be provided. COACHES, PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND SHOW YOUR WRIST BAND TO ADMISSIONS PERSONNEL WHEN ENTERING THE COMPLEX.**

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 will be on sale throughout the tournament. **Team discounts on tournament shirts are available when purchasing 8 or more shirts. Pre-orders are accepted. See the tournament website for an order form.**

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.

Tournament Rules Summary

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75-minute time limit will be in effect for **ALL** games, including championship games. 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. DH can be used. **Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed for players who are in the batting line-up.**

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 USA 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).