

Freshman Fall Classic Tournament Rules

Tournament Director Matt Spring 623-512-3432

- All games will start on time unless an AZFC staff member has stated otherwise
- 7 inning games or No new inning after 2 hours including playoffs.
- Ties are permitted in Pool Play, NO extra innings in pool play
- Playoff ties will be decided by MLB Tiebreaker Rules (Runner on 2nd Base, keep integrity of the lineup from previous inning)
- BBCOR, wood, and wood composite are permitted.
- Pool Play Tiebreaker: (1) Overall Win/Loss record (2) head to head result(if only 2 teams are tied) (3) Total least runs allowed (4) Total run differential (5) coin flip
- Winners of each Pool will advance to a single elimination championship round. **ALL POOL WINNERS WILL BE SEEDED FOR THE PLAYOFFS**, higher seed will be the home team.
- **If your division has a wild card:** The wild card will be determined by seeding all teams that got 2nd place in their pool. The non playoff teams will play one consolation game. Check www.azfallclassic.com for schedule and brackets.

ON Field Rules

- There will be no water provided in dugouts, teams are responsible for their own hydration
- No pregame Infield on the playing surface
- No meetings on field after the game, please exit the dugout first
- Leave your dugout CLEAN, if it was not clean when you entered please clean it and let us know that it was not clean, we will handle it.
- Umpires will keep the official scorecard, it is YOUR responsibility to make sure the score is correct throughout the game.
- Manager is responsible to sign the scorecard post game to verify the score
- If the umpire does not give you that opportunity inform AZFC staff immediately.
- NFHS rules with local modifications.
- Mercy Rules: 10 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings rule is in effect for ALL games.
- 4 AZFC game balls will be provided for every game, the umpire will bring them to the field
- Protests/Issues with Umpire Calls - Call **623-512-3432** Protests will be heard and ruled on by the tournament committee and umpire supervisor. Tell the Umpire that you are protesting the play/game and the umpire will get a hold of tournament staff. The game is stopped until the protest is ruled on. Protest MUST be by the Team Field Manager, on the field, directly to the Umpire Crew.
- The tournament director will have final say on all disputes.
- Ejections will be handled on an individual basis.

Roster Rules

- All players must be on provided google doc roster prior to your first game
- EH and DH are permitted, you can bat your entire roster
- Players must be in the batting lineup to play a position
- If you are batting the entire lineup you have open substitutions.
- Players are only allowed to play on 1 roster in the event
- We do not have pitch count limitations, if we hear about over usage of pitchers we will handle it.
- You may only have 5 players that are playing down a Grad year based on their birthdate, After May 1.

Facility Rules

- Gates open 45 minutes prior to first game
- No walk up songs or music between innings
- Mariner & Padre Clubhouse & Parking Areas and Maintenance Equipment Areas are **OFF LIMITS!**
- Concession stands are available but we do not control their hours of service, please plan accordingly
- If cages are available at your game site, NO cleats. Cages are first come first serve.
- No soft toss into fences, players may hit NON baseballs in the outfield, please hit from the dirt.
- Pregame groundballs and flyballs are permitted on the warning track only.
- No outside alcohol is permitted.
- No pets please, if you have a certified support animal please make sure they are on a leash. Pick up after your dogs.
- Canopies, umbrellas, chairs, etc are permitted.
- Pre game ground balls and fly balls