



On behalf of Tulsa Elite 01 I would like to thank you for choosing to play in our inaugural Tulsa Elite 01 Invitational. Please print out and complete the attached entry form and mail it with your check payable to *Tulsa Elite 01* prior to September 15th 2014 to reserve your entry.

All games will be played by USSSA rules, with the following exceptions:

- Home team will be the official scorekeeper in all tournament games.
- Pre-game conference and coin flip between manager and umpires will take place 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- No live batting practice is allowed on the field or in the complex at any time. Batting nets are allowed.
- Time limit for all games is 75 minutes except for the championship and "if" game which will be 7 innings with no time limit. Time begins after the pre-game conference. Time limit could change in case of tournament interruptions. All teams should be prepared to start their game up to 10 minutes early in case we are ahead of schedule. (This will help the tournament keep on time)
- Pool play and Bracket play Games: Will be 7 innings or 75 minute time limit. There is no drop dead play and we will finish the inning. Games that are tied at the end of regulation will use the ITB rule until a winner is declared.
- Run rules: 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.
- The Head Coach may consult with the umpires; players, sponsors, parents, and other coaches are to keep out of discussions.
- Roster Batting will be allowed during the ENTIRE tournament. Regardless of the number of players you have, you will need to announce your line-up format at the pre-game conference with the officials. Due to us allowing roster batting, for teams that choose to roster bat, there are some additional rules that need to be clarified:
- Injured Batter: If a batter cannot fulfill her time at bat due to injury or illness, that player will be eliminated from that entire game. Her spot will be skipped in the batting order. Teams will not be required to take an automatic out UNTIL they drop below 9 players.
- Runner: If a runner cannot continue her time on the bases, that player will be substituted with the last batter not on base. She will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the game. The line-up will compress when her spot comes to bat.
- Ejections: A player ejection while roster batting will result in the team losing that player for the entire game. Her spot in the batting order WILL be an automatic out.
- Courtesy runner will be allowed for pitcher and catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be designated by the following rules:
 1. Rulebook batting line-up: Per rulebook designation
 2. Roster batting line-up: The last batter not on base. If the last batter not on base is unavailable (i.e. she is the catcher or pitcher), the designated runner will roll back until such time as a possible sub can be found.
- Teams may begin a game with 8 players. If the additional players arrive after the start of the game, they will be handled in the following manner:
- Rulebook batting line-up: Teams may add a 9th player to the line-up. Any additional players will be designated as substitutes.
- Roster batting line-up: Teams may add any and all players to the end of the line-up. These players must listed on the line-up card submitted prior to the game. If the players are not present for their time at bat, their spot will be skipped until they arrive with no automatic out being charged (unless below 9 players).

- The following procedure will be used to determine the seeding's after pool play:
 1. Once a level of tie-breaker is used, we DO NOT revert back to any steps of the tie-breaking procedure. We will continue on down the list until all ties are broken.
 2. Highest Winning Percentage (number of wins divided by number of games with a result (ties eliminated from formula))
 3. Most Wins
 4. Head-to-Head Games
 5. Runs allowed per game
 6. Runs differential (+/- of 8 runs per game)
 7. Coin Flip
- If a team is playing an extra pool game, the runs allowed and the Win/Loss in that game will not count towards your total. However, the result of the game (win/loss) will be used in head-to-head consideration if a tie in pool play occurs.
- In case of a rain-shortened tournament, pool play games can be deemed official after 2 ½ innings of play (with home team winning) or 45 minutes of elapsed game time. This policy will only be used through pool play. In addition, if games are cancelled due to weather, there may be an adjustment in application of the tie-breaking procedures.
- All players will be asked to show the official USSSA stamp to the home plate umpire prior to taking her place in the batter's box to hit. This process will take seconds and eliminate a pregame bat check for all participants as well as insure that all bats in use are meeting the current standards for fair play.
- All teams must provide a current printed roster and insurance from a sanctioned body (USSSA, ASA, TCS, PGF, Etc.) at time of check in.
- All teams will receive three coaches' passes for the weekend.
- Refund Policy:
 1. If you enter* and the entire tournament is cancelled due to rain or some other unforeseen event, we will issue you a refund by check up to one-half (1/2) of your paid entry fee may be refunded. The other one-half (1/2) of your paid entry fee will be non-refundable, due to pre-tournament incurred expenses. The non-refundable amount may increase at the sole discretion of the tournament directors, depending upon incurred costs for that tournament.
 2. If you withdraw from the tournament for any reason, after your team has been accepted into the tournament, your fees will be totally nonrefundable.
 3. If it is necessary to suspend a tournament, after you have played your first game, due to weather or some other unforeseen event, you will be credited for your games that you did not begin, minus one-half (1/2) of your paid entry. Your remaining credit will be refunded by check. The amount may increase or decrease at the sole discretion of the tournament directors, depending upon incurred costs for that tournament.