



**2023 River Grove Rockets and NST
Launch Into Summer Tournament
June 9-11, 2023**

~ 3 divisions: 8U, 11/12U, and 14U.

~ This is a **C Level** Fastpitch Softball Tournament.

~ Tournament Directors:

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- Katie Muellner (708) 779-8056, kmuellner@rivergroveil.gov

~ **Schedule and rainout updates:**

- Tourney Machine app and website: tourneymachine.com
(Game schedule to be published June 4, 2023)
- 4 games guaranteed, weather permitting.
- 3 pool play games followed by single elimination.
- In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director may require eliminating and/or reschedule games to get as many games as possible played.
- In the event of inclement weather, the website will be updated as frequently as needed to keep teams informed of the schedule at each field.

~ Teams are required to submit proof of insurance and their tournament roster with players' birth dates in advance of the tournament, via email to Tournament Directors – NLT JUNE 7, 2023. Coaches need to always have a copy of each player's birth certificate on hand in the event of a challenge. Failure to produce a birth certificate for a challenged player will subject a team to forfeit and/or disqualification from the tournament. The age cutoff for each division will be January 1st.

~ If the umpire and both teams agree, a game may start up to 10 minutes earlier than the scheduled game time.

~ Pitching - Per ASA rules, **8U will be coach pitch** (using 11" ball). 11U/12U will pitch from 40'. 14U will pitch from 43'.

~ (2) Game balls will be provided to and managed by the umpires.

~ 2023 ASA rules shall apply except as modified below:

- During pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin flip. In elimination play, the higher seeded team will always be the home team.
- Forfeited games will be scored as 7-0.
- Infield and outfield balls will not be allowed on the field after the 1st inning.
- Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers at any time. The most recent non-pitcher/catcher who made the last out will be used as the courtesy runner.
- **8U and 11/12U TEAMS** - no slashing.
- **11/12U and 14U TEAMS ONLY** may use any of the 3 following lineup options for any game, but must communicate to the umpire and opposing coach before the game:
 - *Continuous Batting Order* – everyone bats and free substitution in the field throughout the game. A late-arriving player can be added to the end of the batting order
 - *Nine-Person Batting Lineup* – substitutes may enter a specific lineup spot, with re-entry by starters into the same spot.
 - *DP Flex Option* – following ASA rules, allowing for a player to be only in the field or only in the batting order

~ Scoring - It is the home team's responsibility to keep the official score for the game. Please verify with the opposing team and umpire regularly to ensure the score is correct. TEXT FINAL SCORES TO 630-360-7283.

- **8U AND 11/12U TEAMS** - Run limit is 5 runs per inning. The last inning will be unlimited.
- Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 runs thereafter

~ Time Limits - all games except Championship: 7 innings, or until time expires. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 20 minutes from the break of the coaches' meeting. Pool play games may result in a tie. If an Elimination game is tied after the 7th inning or time limit has expired, play will continue using the International Tie Breaker, placing the batter that made the last recorded out on second base at the start of each half-inning.

~ Championship games:

- 7 innings, or until time expires. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes. International Tiebreaker will be in effect.
- It is the umpire's responsibility to keep the official game time. In the event of an injury, the umpire has the option to pause the game clock. If a team is perceived to be stalling, the umpire has the authority to adjust the game clock accordingly.

~ Specific Rules for 8U Division:

- All players must be in the batting order.
- The batter shall receive no more than 6 pitches. If the 6th pitch is fouled, the batter will receive 1 more pitch. If the ball is not hit in play the batter is out. There are no walks or strikeouts.
- No infield fly rule.
- Stealing is not permitted.
- The last inning is defined as:
 - The 7th inning or any extra innings
 - The inning when the time limit is reached.
 - If the time limit is reached during the top half of an inning, no run limit will apply for that inning.
 - If the time limit is reached after the top half of the inning has been completed, the home team will not have a run limit unless the visiting team reaches the run limit in the top half of the inning. If the visiting team reached the run limit in the top half of the inning, the home team is subject to the run limit in the bottom half.

~ Pool seeding will be determined in this order, moving down the list to break ties:

1. Highest winning percentage
2. Most wins
3. Fewest losses
4. Head-to-head performance between tied teams (if all tied teams have played each other)
5. Fewest average runs allowed
6. Highest average run differential (maximum 8 run differential per game for this calculation)
7. Coin flip

~ Awards for all levels - There will be an MVP medal for coaches to award one of the opposing team's players at the end of each pool play game. Teams finishing 1st and 2nd place will receive individual medals and a team plaque.

Game Locations

8U Division:

Trumbull Park

2311 N. Leyden Ave.
River Grove 60171

*Street parking and parking lot available.

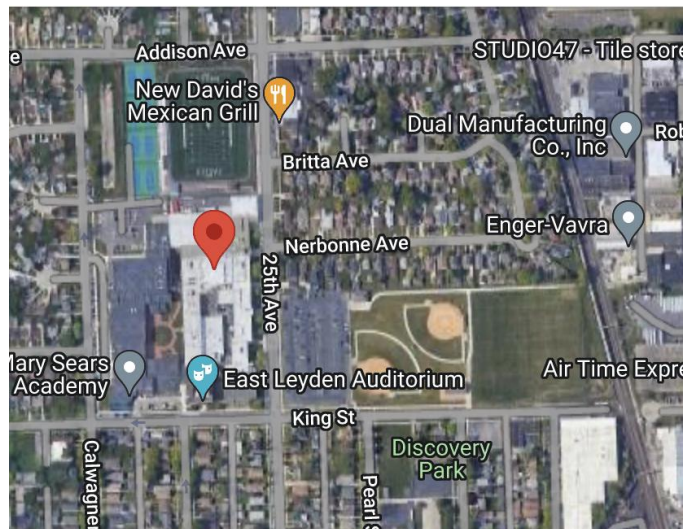


11/12U and 14U Divisions:

East Leyden High School

3400 Rose St.
Franklin Park

*Parking lot available next to the fields.



Gouin Park

2400 Scott St.
Franklin Park

*Parking lot and street parking available.



Triton College Softball Field

5th Ave.
River Grove

*Parking lot available next to the field.



*****Concessions and tournament t-shirts will be available during the tournament.*****