



10th Annual Rosemount 2024 Shamrock Showdown Tournament Tournament Information Packet

June 7-9, 2024
Rosemount, MN

Tournament Director

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Onsite Coordinator - will be available in close proximity to the concession stand area during the entire day. If unable to identify by lanyard badge or green arm bandana, please ask for them at the concession stand.

Field Locations

Erickson Park (Fields 1 - 5) - TBD

14115 Brazil Avenue (*TBD-12U bracket games may be played at another park location on Sunday mid-morning)
Rosemount, MN 55068

Shannon Park Elementary (Fields 1 - 5) - TBD

13501 Shannon Parkway (*TBD-10U games will likely be played at Erickson Park on Saturday afternoon & evening)
Rosemount, MN 55068

UMore Park (Fields 1 - 4) - TBD

14860 Akron Ave
Rosemount, MN 55068

Type of Play

- Shamrock Showdown is MN Softball/NAFA sanctioned offering the 1st place winner in each bracket of each division, their choice of a MONSTA NATIONAL or NAFA NATIONAL berth.
- Except when modified by these rules, Minnesota Fastpitch Softball rules govern play.

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the length of the games in the event of bad weather
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify any of these rules and/or conditions as necessary to ensure the success of the tournament and the safety of its participants and spectators.

Code of Conduct

- Heckling/arguing with the umpires will NOT be Tolerated. The coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If it continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying within two minutes will cause their team to forfeit the game. **Coaches, please discuss these expectations with your fans prior to the tournament to avoid any misunderstandings.**
- Walk-up & pre-game music will be allowed to be played at volume levels that do not disrupt other games in progress. Tournament officials & umpires have the right to require teams to turn music off at any time.

Check-In Information

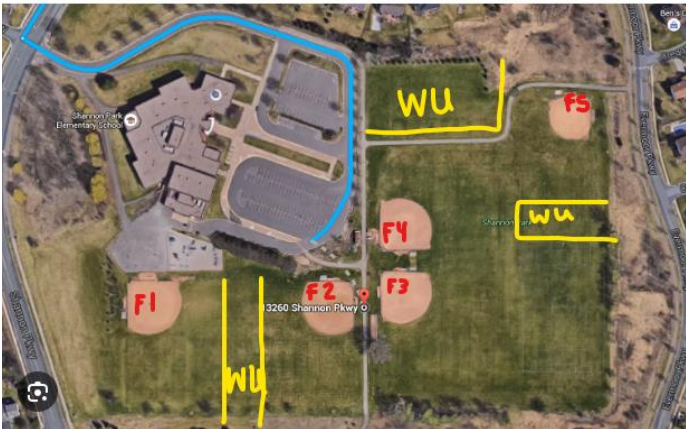
- Teams must check one hour prior to the start of their first game at the designated site location, which are:
 - Shannon Park Concession Stand Area (Look for Check-in Table/Signs)
 - Erickson Park Pavilion (Look for Check-in Table/Signs)
 - UMore Park - TBD (Look for Check-in Table/Signs)
- If you are using the MN Softball system, you do not need to turn in a printed and signed roster, however ensure that your rosters are accurate and up-to-date on the MNSoftball.com website.
- If your team is not using the MN Softball system, your team will need to submit a printed & signed team roster at check in. Please print & complete this form. [USA Softball Official Waiver & Release of Liability & Indemnification Form](#) (blank form will be emailed to coaches in advance)
 - This completed form can also be emailed to Tournament Director in advance to dstovall05@gmail.com
- All teams must provide two (2) (Dudley preferred) new game balls (10U = 11" & 12U/14U = 12") **except** for 8U teams. 8U balls will be provided

Warm-Up Areas

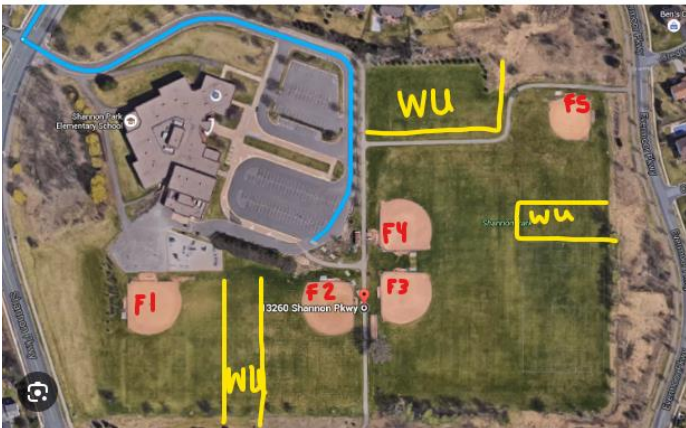
- Erickson Park -
 - See map for warm-up areas marked WU (Area between permanent & temporary outfield fences on each field)
 - Any grassy area that doesn't interfere with games, please be respectful of spectators



- Shannon Park -
 - See map for warm-up areas marked WU
 - Any grassy area that doesn't interfere with games, please be respectful of spectators



- UMore Park -
 - See map - TBD
 - Any grassy area that doesn't interfere with games, please be respectful of spectators



Concessions

- Food and drinks will be served at the concession stand starting 30 mins before the first game of the day and through the start of the last game of the day.
- Cash or Credit Card payments are accepted at all field locations' concession stands.
- Rita's Italian Ice will be available at locations on Saturday and Sunday (Friday TBD).

Amenities

- Fenced fields at 200 feet at Erickson Fields for 12U & 14U game play
- Restrooms with running water at Erickson Field Pavilion. Portable restrooms at all sites, serviced daily.
- Covered dugouts at Shannon Park Fields & UMore Park Fields
- Playground for siblings is available at Shannon Park fields
- Dogs are not allowed in any park complexes

Merchandise

- Tournament Apparel, with on-site printing customization, will be available in a variety of colors, styles & sizes for sale all weekend at park sites, provided by our official event apparel merchandiser, **Northwest Design Ink**.

Tournament Rules & Regulations: *(Changes may occur prior to June 2024 tourney dates)

A) Game Rules/Format

- A coin toss or ball roll at the beginning of each pool game will determine the home team. (Umpire discretion). **New for 2024:** Bracket games: Teams will be seeded with higher ranked team being HOME team
- 9 Player Field. Playing with less than 9 is acceptable. If a player leaves the game due to injury, their batting spot CAN be skipped without recording an out, but the player WILL NOT be allowed back into the game once this has occurred.

- Courtesy runner is optional for the pitcher and catcher. The pitcher and catcher must have played the position first before being able to have a courtesy runner. The runner must be the player who made the last out or last available batter if the last out is a pitcher or catcher.
- A complete game will be a maximum of 7 innings with no new inning starting after **60** minutes for Pool Play & **65** minutes for Bracket Play. The game time is **60** minutes for Pool Play & **65** minutes for Bracket Play, with NO hard stop for either. Teams must finish the inning.
- Line-Up/Batting: All teams must bat the roster.
- There are unlimited substitutions of players on defense.
- Teams **MUST** be ready to play 30 minutes prior to the start of their game in case the game ahead of them finishes early.
- All protests will be decided on the playing field and must be made before the next pitch is thrown. **The Umpire's decision is final.** No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.

B) Player Rules

- Each new pitcher is allowed 5 warm-up pitches to start. 3 pitches each inning after.
- Metal cleats allowed for 14U division only.

C) Tournament Format

- 10U, 12U & 14U: This is a 5 game guarantee tournament.
 - There will be three pool games, with some games starting on Friday evening, and the remaining pool games on Saturday, seeding into 2-game brackets on Sunday.
- 8U: This is a 3 game minimum guarantee 1-day only tournament.
 - There will be two pool games, seeding into single elimination bracket play.
 - 8U format is subject to change.
 - 8U game rules will follow MN Softball Metro Area 8-Under Fastpitch rules. See rules [here](#). A copy of 8U rules will be printed & displayed at each fields' dugout.
 - Pitching machines will be provided by Rosemount Traveling Softball association, **teams are not allowed to bring their own machine.**
 - Pitching machines will be set between 30-34 mph.

• Scoring

- All 10U games will have a 5 run per half inning limit in both Pool & Bracket play
- 10U **A/B** games will have Run on Dropped 3rd Strike rule **in effect** during entire tournament (both Pool & Bracket play)

- 10U **B/C** games will NOT have Run on Dropped 3rd Strike rule in effect during Pool play, however rule **will be in effect** for 10U B/C Platinum & 10U B/C Gold brackets on Sunday (not Silver & Bronze brackets)

- All 12U games will have a 5 run per half inning limit in Pool play.
- 12U **A/B** games will have No inning run limit in Bracket play
- 12U **B/C** games will have No inning run limit in Bracket play for 12U B/C Platinum & 12U B/C Gold Brackets, however 5 run run **will be in effect** for 12U B/C Silver & 12U B/C Bronze brackets

- 14U games will have a 5 run per half inning limit in Pool play.
- 14U games will have No inning run limit in Bracket play.

- The run rule will be as follows: 15 run differential after 3 innings, 12 run differential after 4 innings, and 8 run differential after 5 innings. Run rules are not waived for championship games.

- **Tie Score Games**
 - Pool play games can end in a tie score and NO extra innings shall be played regardless of time limit.
 - Bracket play – No new inning may start after 65 minutes.
 - If the game is tied after 65 minutes in bracket play and the inning has ended, the game will go into the tie-breaker to determine the winner. The tie-breaker rule will be as follows:
 - Runner starts at 2nd base with 1 out. Runner shall be the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning - for example, if the number 5 batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base.
 - If no winner is determined at end of tie-breaker inning (ie. still tied), then play another inning with tie-breaker rules but adding 1 additional starting out for each additional extra inning played (ie start with 2 outs vs 1 out).
 - **Exception:** 8U - If no winner determined at end of one tie-breaker inning, a coin flip will be used to determine winner

- In the event 2 or more of the teams are tied as a result of pool play, the following tie breakers (in order) will be used to seed teams into the brackets:
 - Record
 - Head to head
 - Fewest number of runs allowed in overall pool play
 - Run Differential
 - Coin toss

- **Umpires**
 - One umpire for 10U, 12U and 14U games, except for the Championship game in the top bracket.
 - Two umpires for the Championship game in the top bracket of each division (depending on umpire availability - not guaranteed).
 - No umpires during 8U pool games (closest coach to play will call out), except for the championship game for each bracket, where a paid youth umpire will be present.

Brackets, Game Times/Schedules and Weather Delay Information

- See SportsEngine Tourney app for brackets, game times, score results, and notifications.
- Coaches are responsible to verify posted game results for accuracy and notify Tournament Director promptly of any discrepancies.
- Any changes in game times and field locations due to weather will be posted on the SportsEngine Tourney app.
- Bracket information after pool play will be available on the app as soon as possible Saturday.
- If there are any issues or questions please contact the onsite coordinator first, then Tournament Director if unable to get an answer.

Rosemount Fastpitch Tournament Rain Policy

- All decisions from the Tournament Director are final.
- All decisions from umpires in terms of lightning or hazardous weather are final.
- Umpires will suspend games at the first sign of danger including high wind and rain downpours.
- Depending on length of game and/or score, games may be ruled FINAL by the Tournament Director.

Note: Cases in which the game may be ruled final:

- One team leads another team by > 5 runs.
- The home team has batted and an inning is complete with 45 or more minutes already played.

Note: If in the middle of the inning, score will **revert back** to score at the end of the last full inning.

- Delay in case of lightning, play should not resume for 30 minutes following the last lightning strike.

Teams are to remain within proximity of the playing field and not assume the game has been postponed or canceled until a decision has been made by the Tournament Director.

Communication will be posted in SportsEngine Tourney and communicated out to coaches as soon as a decision is made.

- Games will begin as soon as possible based on weather and field conditions.
- A five-minute warm-up period is allowed.
- Rosemount Fastpitch reserves the right to change the format and structure of the tournament in order to complete the tournament. We will do everything we can to assure that all games are played, including and not limited to shortening length of games or pool contests.
- In the event that the tournament is unplayable (no games played), teams will be refunded all but \$50 of registration for administration fees.
 - If teams play one game, there will be a 50% reimbursement.
 - If at least two official games by rule are played, or are available for play, no reimbursement will be offered.

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<https://www.rosemounttravelingsoftball.com/shamrock-showdown>