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**Ridgefield Tigers  
Spring Kickoff Tournament Packet  
April 23-25, 2021  
10U-C and 12U-C**

Greetings,

Welcome to Ridgefield! The home of the Tigers.

Ridgefield Girls Softball is very excited to host your team for a fun, competitive and exciting tournament. We ask that all teams email their **rosters** and **insurance certificates** ahead of time to [Rdgspringfest@gmail.com](mailto:Rdgspringfest@gmail.com). Forty-five (45) minutes prior to your first game, please remember to check in with the tournament official at your field location with **birth certificates, USA softball identification cards**, and to pick up your **MVP medals**.

Both coaches should text the **final scores to Angelo Formisano, (917) 497-4114**, immediately following games with:

- Bracket, winning team/score, losing team/score:
- Example: **10U, Racers 8, Bandits 5**

We want to thank Jessica Caro, USA Softball of CT Junior Olympic Commissioner, for her support in planning this event. While we have hosted this tournament for many years, this is the first time we are doing so under the USA Softball umbrella. We look forward to having Jessica visit our tournament.

We wish everyone the best of luck and success in the tournament. Please remember good sportsmanship at all times. Do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Thank you,

Ridgefield Girls Softball Board of Directors

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## **Game Schedule**

There will be three pool play games on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, followed by single elimination for each division on Sunday.

## **Tournament Rules**

The tournament will be run under USA Softball rules. Dan Neumann will serve as USA Softball Umpire-in-Chief. He will be responsible for ruling on any protest that's properly made in accordance with Rule 9-1 of the USA Softball rulebook before resuming the game. See below for key rules and exceptions:

### Game length

- All games will have the same time limits except for championship games. No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 20 minutes. Umpires will make any final decisions on game time.
- Championship games will be 6 innings for 10U and 7 innings for 12U.
- Mercy rule will be in effect in accordance with the USA Softball rule book. 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to change, shorten, and modify games to complete the tournament successfully.
- Teams must be ready to play up to 30 minutes or more prior to the start time in the event of mercy rules and up to 1 hour early in the event of weather issues. The tournament director will make the decision if games will start earlier.

### Lineups and substitutions

- Home/Away will be determined by coin flip for all pool play games.
- Teams may bat all roster players. We are allowing this accommodation given we are early in the spring season.
- Teams must have at least eight players to begin and/or finish games.
- The DP/Flex option is available in accordance with USA Softball rules.
- Courtesy runners allowed for pitchers and catchers at any time.
- There are no pitching limitations.
- Guest players must be added to your roster prior to the start of the tournament in accordance with the USA Softball rules.
- Using players that are not on your tournament roster will result in a forfeit of that game.

### Rule exceptions

- Infield fly rule will be in effect at both 10u and 12u.
- No dropped third strike at 10u level only, given that it is early in the season.
- 5-runs cap for the first three innings only (for both 10u and 12u). This rule is in place to keep games moving.
- No run cap for innings during championship games.
- No fake bunt and swing will be permitted.
- No gated third base restriction.
- No stolen base advancement restrictions.

### Elimination games

- If an elimination game is tied at the end of completion, USA rules will apply (International tie breaker rules).
- Higher seed will be home throughout the elimination round.

### Elimination round seedings

- A. 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie and no points for a loss
- B. Ties are broken as follows:
  - Head to Head (Not valid if all tied teams haven't played each other)
  - Average runs allowed per game
  - Average runs scored per game
  - Coin flip

Forfeits - For seeding purposes, any forfeit of a game prior to the first inning starting will be recorded as a 7-0 score.

### **Town of Ridgefield Facilities**

The 10u division will use Veterans Park, East Ridge and Farmingville Fields, while the 12u division will play at Ridgefield High School and Shadow Lake. Governor Field will be used in the event a night game is scheduled.

- Ridgefield High School JV & Varsity Fields (2)  
700 N. Salem Rd.



- Veterans Park Fields - (2)  
Veterans Park Elementary School  
8 Governor St.

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- Shadow Lake Field (1)  
Shadow Lake Rd.
- East Ridge Middle School (1)  
10 East Ridge Rd.
- Farmingville Elementary School (1)  
324 Farmingville Rd.
- Governor Park (1 lighted field)  
84 Governor St.

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### **Team Check-In Requirements**

1. Rosters, insurance certificates, birth certificates, and USA Softball identification cards for all coaches will be required.
2. Rosters should be signed in accordance with USA Softball regulations.  
To streamline check-in, signed rosters and insurance certificates should be emailed ahead of the tournament to: [Rdgspringfest@gmail.com](mailto:Rdgspringfest@gmail.com)
3. All teams must check-in prior to their first game with birth certificates and USA identification cards for all coaches. Tournament officials will be present at all sites.

### **Game Results**

Both coaches...please text your final scores to Angelo Formisano, (917) 497-4114, immediately following games with:

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### **Trophies and Medals**

- Game MVP medals will be awarded for all pool play games. MVP medals will be provided to coaches at check-in. Please discuss selections with the opposing manager, so there are no repeats.
- First and second place teams will be awarded trophies immediately following the completion of the championship games.

### **Concessions:**

- Food trucks will be located at Ridgefield High School and Veterans Park fields. Main Street in Ridgefield is in close proximity to Veterans Park fields and offers a variety of food and shopping options.

### **T-Shirts**

- Tournament T-shirts will be on sale at the various field locations.

### **Safety Protocols -**

- Fielder masks must be worn by first baseman, third baseman and pitcher while in the field.
- COVID-19 - a separate document will be provided with updated protocols to ensure everyone's safety.

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## **Inclement Weather & Refunds**

### Withdrawing from the tournament:

Teams should understand that the scheduling process starts weeks before the tournament is scheduled to take place.

- A full refund shall be given if a team withdraws one month prior to the tournament.
- No refund shall be given if a team withdraws within one month of an event, unless a replacement team is found.

### Refunds, cancellations or shortening of a tournament:

While we will make every attempt to play each event, weather may prevent an event from being completed or in some cases, even starting.

- If at least two games are started, then no refund is provided.
- If only one game is started, then a 50% refund is given.
- If no games are started, then a 75% refund will be given.