



## 2017 Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown

### Tournament Rules

This tournament is being held at two different Softball Complexes. Please be sure to check scheduled games carefully for game location.

All teams must check in at the registration table at Elm Creek Playfields (Wayzata High School) or Legacy Fields (Minnetonka High School) at least 60 minutes prior to the start of their 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled game.

All teams need to turn in an approved ASA roster and should have their USSSA online roster completed. Team roster w/ age verification and proof of team insurance should be available at all times.

We ask all teams to turn in two new Dudley .47 game balls.

Teams may need to move between the two locations. While there should be plenty of time, please do so as quickly as possible. Umpires will be made aware of any game delays.

#### **This tournament offers berths to:**

- ASA/USA National Berth Gold Levels 1st place
- ASA Northern Nationals Berth Gold Bracket 1st and 2nd place
- USSSA World Series Berth Gold Bracket 1st place
- USSSA Midwest National Championships Gold Bracket 1st and 2nd place
- NAFA Nationals to the 1st & 2nd place teams in all brackets

Results of Pool Play games on Friday will determine your team's placement in bracket play.

Placement in the double elimination brackets will be based on the following:

1. Win / Loss Record
2. Head to Head if two teams have the same record
3. Lowest Average Runs Allowed
4. Average Run Differential with a maximum of 8.
5. Coin Toss

12U – All 6 teams will be seeded into one double elimination bracket.

14U – Seeds 1-6 will be seeded into the Gold double elimination bracket. Seeds 7-12 will be seeded into the Silver double elimination bracket.

16U – Seeds 1-10 will be seeded into the Gold double elimination bracket. Seeds 11-20 will be seeded into the Silver double elimination bracket.

18U – All 9 teams will be seeded into one double elimination bracket.

Parings will be posted as soon as all of the pool game scores are in from all the teams in your age group. Check at the tournament board and on-line at:

<http://www.ussa.com/fastpitch/TournamentMain/#/?eventID=286689&gdSport=16>  
for updates.

ALL teams must be prepared to play their pool games on Friday and there will be some bracket games scheduled for Friday evening.

**If you have to leave before the brackets are posted, it is your responsibility to find out your game times.** Updates will be posted on-line as soon as time permits, but the game board at the fields is the Master Schedule.

Concessions will be available. **No grilling or coolers are allowed at Elm Creek or Legacy fields during the tournament.** Teams may bring water into the dugout.

Game Rules:

Home teams in Pool play will be determined by a coin flip.

Home teams in first round of bracket play for each team will be the high seed.

After the first round of bracket play for both teams, the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

A team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time of their game will forfeit that game unless you're coming from a previous game that did not finished as scheduled, or weather delay.

Batting Order & Line-up: at all age levels, games will be played in compliance with the ASA rule book with the following exceptions:

12U may bat-the-roster but it must be announced during the coaches/umpire meeting prior to the start of the game. If one team opts to bat-the-roster, the opponent does not have to do the same. It is highly recommended that 12U teams bat everyone in pool play.

All Pool Play Games – no new inning will start after 70 minutes.

All Bracket Play Games – no new inning will start after 70 minutes.

All games are subject to the following run rules: 15 after 3, 12 after 4 and 10 after 5.

Pool play games may end in a tie. Bracket games must have a winner. International tie breaker will be used in bracket play.

Each team provides a score keeper. The home team for each game will be the official score keeper.

Game Cards will be turned in by the umpires. Coaches should check the accuracy of the posted game results. If any concerns are found with the posted score, the Head Coach(s) ONLY should contact the Tournament Director.

All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. The Umpire may discuss the protest with the UIC, but no appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director or UIC after the game has continued.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated. Any abuse of the umpires will NOT be allowed. The Coach of the team whose fans violate this rule will be warned once. If the behavior continues, fans will be asked to leave the premises. Fans not complying immediately will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team.

Players may only be on a single roster. A player may not play on more than one team regardless of age division.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the length of games, cancel pool play, or make any other adjustments in the event of bad weather.