



Primed 4 Sports would like to welcome all our teams to our annual FireStix College Exposure Tournament at Creasey Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc MI, Jack Abernathy Park in Davison MI, and Union City Fields in Flint MI, (If needed).

Primed 4 Sports greatly appreciates Grand Blanc Township & DCER of Davison for making these facilities available for our event. Outside the Grand Blanc, Davison and Flint facilities you will find many activities and places to attend. The city of Grand Blanc, Davison and Flint offer excellent restaurants, shops, and entertainment to ensure a great overall stay. Please look over all the information for a smooth tournament experience.

The competitive purpose of the FireStix College Exposure Tournament is to provide a quality venue with similar teams so that the softball athletes can compete in front of college coaches. A list of attending college and universities will be posted on our <http://firestixfastpitch.com> tournament website as they commit. This event provides the perfect opportunity for players to be seen by many college coaches. Over 100 colleges coaches in the Michigan and Midwest will be invited to come recruit. We always have a great turnout of college coaches, which will be listed on the Attending Colleges link on the tournament page.

Primed 4 Sports and FireStix Fastpitch is looking forward to seeing you this summer for the 2024 FireStix College Exposure Tournament.

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## 2025 Tournament General Information

Primed 4 Sports is proud to announce the **2025 FireStix College Exposure Tournament** for ages **14u,16u,18u**.

Date: **June 26th-30th**

Locations: **Creasey Bicentennial Park** 1515 E Grand Blanc Mi, 48433 **Abernathy Regional Park** 400 Frank Boyce Parkway Davison Mi, 48423 & (If Needed) **Union City Fields** 4193 Torrey Rd Flint, Mi, 48507

**Tournament Fee:** 14u **\$795** "1 umpire for pool play **2** for bracket"

16u & 18u **\$995** **2** umpires for all games

**Refund Policy:** No refunds will be given to teams that withdraw after registration & payment. Unless the tournament director can replace your team from the waiting list.  
Refund Policy: Once tournament begins a 60% refund will be given if 0 games are played due to weather. If 1 game is played to completion the tournament fee is fully earned and no refunds will be given. If tournament is cancelled due to act of God prior to the start date a 70% refund of your entry fee will be awarded.

This tournament is a **5-game** guarantee! **(Weather Permitting)**.

**Lodging:** This event is a stay to play policy. If reserving hotel rooms, they must be done through **TRAVELING TEAMS** to ensure your acceptance into the tournament. Local teams traveling inside the 70-mile radius are exempt.

The FireStix Tournament will use college exposure umpire and rules. Also, in attendance will be the Midwest college coaches. A compiled list of coaches attending will be available on the website as they commit.



## **Tournament Rules**

All players and coaches are expected to follow the Michigan & Tournament guidelines to keep us all safe. All teams must turn in proof of team insurance either by email or before the start of the first games. We will follow PGF rules with some college exposure exceptions. Home team will be determined with coin flip by umpires prior to start of games. Be prepared to start early if situation allows. No infield practice between games. The report of scores will be TEXT by winning team or by the FireStix College Exposure work staff.

### **Line-Ups**

Free substitution and batting the entire roster are allowed for Pool Play and Bracket Play. The coach must declare how many batters in lineup before the start of each game. The total number of offensive players starting the game must be the same at the end of the game. If a team decides to bat the entire line-up and an injury occurs to a player and that player is unable to continue, that player's spot in the line-up is recorded as an out. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher/catcher only! The runner must be a player not currently in the batting line-up. If batting the roster, the player who made the most recent out must be the runner. If both catcher and pitcher reach base in the same inning and a 2<sup>nd</sup> courtesy runner is needed, the out before the most recent should be used. The same player shall not be the courtesy runner in the same inning.

### **Mercy Rule**

**12** runs after 3 innings – **10** runs after 4 innings- **8** runs after 5 innings. Run rule will apply to both pool play and bracket play. All pitching distance is 43ft.

### **Warm-Ups Before Games & Innings**

All teams will be allowed to warm up behind temporary fencing before their schedule game. We have additional warm up areas on off-site locations as well. Infield & outfield will be allowed on fields if time allows before games. First inning each team will be allowed 3 warm-up pitches and 1 throw down by catcher. Infield & outfield warm up in first inning only. We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. No stall tactics will be tolerated! Play will resume quickly allowing teams the opportunity to play 7 innings.

### **Time Limit for Pool Play**

All pool games will **one hour twenty minutes** drop dead! Games **DO NOT** revert to previous inning. Pool games are exposure games and wins and losses do not affect your bracket seeding. No tiebreaker for pool games. Game will end in a tie!

### **Time Limit for Bracket Play**

No new inning may start after **one hour thirty minutes** even if teams have not reached the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Finish the inning if time expires and the inning already has started. All tied games after time limit or 7 innings has expired will use international tie breaker.

### **Tournament Advancement**

Each age division will be broken into pools of 5 teams. Each team will play 4 pool games before being blind drawn into a **Single Elimination Championship Bracket**. Winners play until we have a champion in each age division! Tournament game scores will be kept on Tourney Machine **ONLY!** Please refrain from coming up to the main tent. We will update Tourney Machine ASAP. It is your responsibility to check Tourney Machine to know your correct times and fields. Especially critical during bracket play advancement.

### **Sportsmanship will be Strictly Enforced.**

No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. All games are to be played in a respectful manner towards players, coaches, umpires, and fans. No profanity will be accepted. Tournament director and Umpire-in-Chief will have final authority on all matters regarding a game dispute. Any ejections! Your next game will be sat out! We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct.

### **On Site Team Registration**

This is a non-sanction event. All teams must send proof of insurance or turn in before start of first pool game at site directors' tent. Please have your players contact any D-1, D-2 NAIA, Division 3 and Juco college coaches that may be interested.

### **IN CASE OF RAIN**

Tournament Director may have to adjust schedule. This procedure will not be debatable. Tourney Machine and our website will aid us if rain becomes a concern. Our main purpose is to give you an extremely competitive and enjoyable tournament. Your team and players will come first in all our decision process and we will do everything we can to get all games in. We want to thank all teams participating and we look forward to meeting all of you.