



**2018 FIRESTIX COLLEGE  
EXPOSURE INFORMATION  
PACKET**



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## Welcome

Primed 4 Sports would like to welcome all our teams to our annual FireStix College Exposure Tournament at Creasey Bicentennial Park, Union City Fields, Grand Blanc High School and Middle School's facilities.

Primed 4 Sports greatly appreciates Grand Blanc Park and Recreation for making these facilities available for our showcase. Outside of the Grand Blanc facilities you will find many activities and places to attend. The city of Grand Blanc offers excellent restaurants, shops and entertainment. You will find that this packet will direct you to the proper information regarding your tournament details and overall stay. Please be sure to look over all information to ensure 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 colleges and universities will be posted on our <http://mid-michiganfirestix.com> tournament website as they commit. We provide two avenues of communication for the players to communicate with the college's coaches, Captain U and our website. This event provides the perfect opportunity for players to be seen by college coaches. Your players should contact the coaches from colleges they are interested in attending prior to the tournament by sending them the tournament game schedules. We always have a great turnout of college coaches, which are listed on the Attending Colleges link on the tournament page.

Prime 4 Sports and FireStix Fastpitch is looking forward to seeing you this summer for the 2018 FireStix College Exposure Tournament.

FireStix College Exposure Tournament Director

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## Tournament General Information

Primed 4 Sports is proud to announce: The 2018 FireStix College Exposure Tournament.

**This tournament is for ages 14U,16u,18u**

**Date: July 6th, 7th and 8th**

**Locations:** Creasey Bicentennial Park 1505 E. Grand Blanc Rd, Grand Blanc, MI, 48439  
Grand Blanc Middle East - 6100 Perry Place, Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
Grand Blanc Middle West - 1515 Ried Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
Grand Blanc High School 12500 Holly Rd Grand Blanc MI 48439  
Union City Fields- 4151 Torrey Rd. Flint, MI 48507

**This tournament is a 5-game guarantee! (Weather Permitting). NO REFUNDS**

All teams "Not Players" must be registered PGF to compete in this tournament. All 16U teams will play at Creasey Bicentennial Park & Middle School Fields

This beautiful park has many amenities for the whole family including, a mini size water park for the younger kids! Indoor restrooms, full concessions.

The FireStix Tournament will use College Exposure umpires and rules. We will follow PGF rules unless certain tournament rules are indicated. Also, in attendance will be Midwest college coaches

**A compiled list of college coaches attending will be available on website as they commit.**

Tournament entry fee is \$625.00. For information regarding this tournament please contact Kevin Babcock at [mmfirestix@gmail.com](mailto:mmfirestix@gmail.com) or call:  
810-523-7511.

**\*\*Thanks for joining us for a weekend of competitive ball, family fun and one of the best tournaments in the Midwest!**



Dear Coach / Team Manager,

We are partnered with Captain U, to provide the official FireStix College Exposure Tournament player profile book that will be distributed to college coaches attending the event.

Go to:

[http://www.captainu.com/youth\\_coaches/new?tag=tdemail&event\\_id=220317&campaign=webinfo](http://www.captainu.com/youth_coaches/new?tag=tdemail&event_id=220317&campaign=webinfo) to sign up for your free team account and to enter your roster to be included in the book. You only need to enter each player's first and last name, jersey number, and email address. Once you submit this information, your players will receive an email to fill out their free online player profile for college coaches to view.

**If your team already has a CaptainU account**, then just log in <https://www.captainu.com/> and add "**FireStix College Exposure Tournament**" to your Events page. If you have any questions, contact [katie@captainu.com](mailto:katie@captainu.com) (415-230-4882)

### **About CaptainU**

Captain U is partnered with the FireStix College Exposure Tournament to provide the player profile book for college coaches. College coaches use the book as a reference to see what teams and players are at the event to generate their recruiting lists. This service is free for your team and athletes. All information is securely stored for view by only verified college coaches.

**\*COLLEGE PROFILE BOOKLETS DEADLINE DATE JUNE 24TH\***

## TOURNAMENT RULES

We will follow PGF rules with some college exposure exceptions. Home team will be determined with umpires prior to start of game. Be prepared to start early if situation allows. No infield practice between games. The score should be verified between the two teams at regular intervals during game. Our Quad Queens will report the scores to the main tent.

### LINE-UPS

Free substitution and unlimited batters in batting order is allowed. The coach must declare how many batters in the lineup before the start of each game with line-up card. However, the total number of offensive players starting the game must be the same at the end of the game. Any team batting less than the maximum number of players on the team can make an offensive substitution, but it must be reported to the umpire and the opposing team. If a team bats all their players and an injury occurs to any player and that player is unable to continue, that player's spot is recorded as an out. Courtesy runner for pitchers and catchers only. Courtesy runner is to be last batted out or any other player not in the game.

#### MERCY RULE

12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs  
after 4 innings

8 runs after 5 innings

Rule will apply to both Pool Play and  
Bracket Play.

#### PITCHING

#### DISTANCE

43 FT - 14u, 16u, 18u

### WARM-UPS BETWEEN INNINGS - ALL GAMES

First inning each team will be allowed three (3) warm-up pitches and one throw down by catcher & infield and outfield warm-up allowed in first inning only! All Innings after the first will be (1) warm up pitch and a throw down by the catcher. Make sure your leadoff batter is prepared to step in box after the pitcher's first warm-up pitch. We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. No stall tactics will be tolerated! Play will be resuming quickly. This allows a better opportunity of teams playing their seven innings. Each coach will be responsible to have their teams prepared to resume play quickly from defense to offense.

## **TIME LIMIT FOR POOL PLAY**

No new inning may start after one hour and ten minutes. Even if teams have not reached the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Finish the Inning if time expires and that inning already has started. No tiebreaker for pool games. **Games will end as a tie!**

## **TIME LIMIT FOR BRACKET PLAY**

No new inning may start after one hour and thirty minutes. Even if teams have not reached the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. An Inning will be completed if time expires during that inning. All tied games after time limit or 7 innings has expired will use international tie breaker. **No time limit for championship games!**

## **TOURNAMENT ADVANCEMENT**

Each age division will be broken into pools of five teams.

Age Divisions will be seeded into Bracket Play based on their pool play record.

The team number on brackets does not represent your Pool Play number but your Pool Play finish. Game number is listed on brackets, cross check with the master bracket chart for times and fields. Tournament game scores will be kept on the large boards at the main tent. It is your responsibility to check the boards and know your correct start times and fields. Don't assume, check the official scoreboards. Especially critical during bracket play advancement.

## **BRACKET PLAY FOR ALL AGES**

Bracket play will be a one game knockout until we have a champion!

## **TIE BREAKER TO DETERMINE ADVANCEMENT FROM POOL PLAY**

1. Best Record
2. Head to Head
3. Least runs allowed
4. Run differential
5. Blind draw

**\* If more than two teams are tied in pool play, head to head is eliminated\***

## **SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**

All players and coaches are expected to behave in a professional manner.

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! NO APPEALS.** We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct.

## **ON SITE TEAM REGISTRATION**

All teams must register before first pool game! 16u and 18u teams are to register at the Bicentennial Park tournament director's tent before your first pool game. 14U teams may register at Union City Fields and Middle School East before first pool game. College info will be handled in two ways. You will receive a player profile (14u, 16u & 18u) thru e-mail from a representative (Captain U) to fill out and return. This will form a booklet that will be passed out to the college coaches to keep them informed on all the 14, 16 & 18 players. Our tournament bracket board at the main tent will be posted with the official game scores and results. Be sure to check the bracket boards for where you finish in your pool and where you advance into bracket play.

## **IN CASE OF RAIN**

**Tournament Director** may have to adjust schedule. This procedure will not be debatable. Our website will aid us if rain becomes a concern. We want to thank all the teams participating and we are looking forward to meeting all of you. Our main purpose is to give you a very competitive and enjoyable tournament. Your team and players will come first in all our decision process.



# Field Locations

Bicentennial Park [1505 E. Grand Blanc Rd., Grand Blanc 48439](#)



Grand Blanc West Middle School  
[1515 Ried Road Grand Blanc 48439](#)



Grand Blanc East Middle School  
[6100 Perry Pl Grand Blanc, Mi, 48439](#)



G.B HIGH SCHOOL [12500 Holly Rd. Grand Blanc 48439](#)



Union City Fields [4151 Torrey Rd Flint 48507](#)





