



**2019 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, Swartz Creek Middle Schools, 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, Tourney Machine 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 2019 FireStix College Exposure Tournament.

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Tournament General Information

**Primed 4 Sports is proud to announce: The 2019 FireStix College Exposure
Tournament is for ages 14U,16u,18u**

Date: July 5th, 6th and 7th

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 Reid Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Grand Blanc High School 12500 Holly. Rd Grand Blanc Mi 48439

Swartz Creek Middle School Fields 8230 Crapo St 48473

Union City Fields- 4151 Torrey Rd. Flint, Mi 48507

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

**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 \$850 No Parking or Gate Fees. For information regarding
this tournament please contact Kevin Babcock at 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!**



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 are 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**

**Run 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 5th 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 5th 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 Tourney Machine & the large boards at the main tent. It is your responsibility to check Tourney Machine & 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 send proof of insurance via email or at main tent at Bicentennial Park before first pool game. College info will be handled in two ways. You will submit a player profile (14u, 16u & 18u) thru Tourney Machine. A email will be sent to all head coaches. 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. Tourney Machine and our bracket board at the main tent will be posted with the official game scores and results. Be sure to check Tourney Machine and 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.

