

Winter Classic Tournament Rules

- Round Robin format. Teams will play a minimum of 4 games, consisting of 3 pool play games leading to single-elimination playoffs. Rosters are limited to 15 players.
- This Tournament will take place Friday from 8 am until 11 pm, Saturday from 8 am until 11 pm and Sunday from 8 am until 11 pm (*Depending on the number of teams entered*).
- Each age group will be grouped roughly the same times on Friday and Saturday starting with 10U, 12U, 14U, and finally 16U/18U. (Depending on the number of teams in the Tournament 16/18U elimination games may start Saturday night after “pool play” has ended so we have enough time on Sunday to get all the games in). Then on Elimination Sunday some of the age groups will be slightly staggered but we will keep people at the facility for as little time as possible.
- One umpire per game throughout the tournament in all age groups—two umpires for Championship games at each age group.
- The tournament will be played under NSA Tournament Rules with Sahlen’s modifications.
- 1 Minute between innings after the first inning is completed. The ONLY exception is if the catcher for the next inning is up to bat. If catchers are not batting they need to be ready to take the field. If a catcher is on base, there must be a mandatory courtesy runner for them.
- Starting Pitchers and replacement pitchers get 5 warm-up pitches and then 3 pitches for every inning after. No infield/outfield warm-up after the first inning.
- 1 Hour 15 Minute “Drop Dead”. This is a running clock and there will be no stopping once the game has started. Teams have 1-hour and 30-minute time slots. Teams have 15 minutes to warm up and the game must be started with 75 minutes on the clock. Pool Play games can end in a tie. The score will revert to the last full inning played unless the Home team ties the game or is ahead at the buzzer.
- All Championship games will have a 2-hour “drop dead” time limit. In all Sunday elimination games, the score will revert to the last full inning played unless the Home team is ahead. In the event of a tie in the Championship game ONLY, there will be one more “Sudden Death “ inning played. (Details on the “Sudden Death” play will be stated at the time of the game if it occurs).
- NO Pitching changes, defensive or offensive time-outs once there is 10 minutes left in the game.
- Individual and Team Trophies for the first place winner in each age group. A Team Trophy will go to the second place finisher in each age group.
- John Raab will establish brackets and game times. Schedules will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to the tournament.
- All of the games will be played at Sahlens Indoor Sports Park. The park is located at 7070 Seneca Street in Elma, New York. **FROM THE I90:** Take the 400 South (Aurora Expressway) to the Jamison Road exit. Make a right on Jamison Road, and then a left onto Seneca Street. **FROM Route 16:** Take the 400 North (Aurora Expressway) to the Jamison Road exit. Make a left on Jamison Road, and then a left onto Seneca Street. The building will be on your right-hand side.
- There are 2 beautiful softball diamonds at the park, with concession stands that will be open during the event.
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. This will fill up fast folks. Only completed registration forms and full payment will secure a spot in the tournament. Payments must be made by no later than November 1st.
- Specific Tournament rules, updates, and schedules will be emailed to all registered teams at a later date.