

USA Columbia River Classic
2026 Tournament Rules

Tam O'Shanter Park- Kelso, WA – Turf fields Kelso High School – Kelso, WA– Dirt fields

- No metal cleats, gum or seeds are allowed on the turf fields.

Teams MUST be ready to play up to 20 minutes before the scheduled game time.

- NO DRINKING or SMOKING or smokeless chewing tobacco including vaping or electronic smoking devices allowed in or around the ballpark area. The penalty for these actions is ejection or team ejection from the complex.
- Balls - While your team is at bat, if a ball goes out of play, please have someone from your team retrieve the ball. If game balls are not retrieved, the umpire may stop the game until the out of play balls are returned.
- All rules will be by the USA rule for 2026 season unless listed differently below.
- No organized infield practice before the games. Teams may warm up beyond the baselines or behind the outfield fences or in other designated areas. No live batting practice is allowed on the field or in the complex at any time. Batting nets are allowed. No warming up on the field while the grounds crews are prepping the fields.
- Batting lineups to include number, first and last name. Home team is the official scorekeeper.
- Pre-game conference will be between manager and umpires. Game time begins immediately upon completion of the pre-game conference. Team warmup ends when umpires call for coaches.
- Regulation games will be defined by the type of game

Pool Play – Home team will be determined by coin flip.

All Divisions - 7 innings or no new inning after 70 minutes. Drop dead at 80 minutes.
Games may end in a tie during pool play.

Bracket Play – Home team will be the highest seeded team from pool play.

All Divisions- Home team will be the top seeded team.

7 innings or no new inning after 80 minutes

Bracket games that are tied at the end of regulation will use international tiebreaker rule until winner is declared.

Championship Games

No new inning at 80 minutes

Run Rule – 10, 8, 6 after 3, 4, 5 and 15 runs at any completed inning.

10U Division – Run Limit - Maximum 5 runs per half-inning for the entire game

- In Pool Play – When time expires during 10U Pool Play, if the home team is batting and is behind in the score, they will be allowed to complete their half of the inning (3 outs or 5 runs), even if they cannot mathematically win or tie the game. This is to allow the home team the opportunity to record offensive statistics that may affect seeding. This rule applies only to 10U Pool Play and does not apply during Bracket Play.

- In Bracket Play ONLY - When time expires, if the trailing team cannot mathematically win or tie, the game is immediately over.

Points of Emphasis

- ALL players participating in the tournament MUST be on your official USA roster.
- Please have proof of team insurance available while at the field.
- Dugouts: Only rostered players and rostered coaches are allowed in the dugout.
- Electronics are allowed on the field. Electronics for all players are allowed, one way communication only (air pods or other type of 2-way devices are not one way communication).
- Bats MUST have the USA thumbprint on it or it is considered an illegal bat and will be removed from the game.
- Coaches or fans that are ejected from the game must leave the facility immediately. Ejection includes the current game plus the next tournament game.
- Roster batting is allowed. If a player cannot fulfill her time at bat (injury or illness) she will be considered out and cannot return to the game. A runner that cannot fulfill running will be replaced by the last batter not on base. Players that leave the game due to injury or illness will have their spot in the order skipped with no charged out until there are less than 9 batters.
- If a player is ejected, the spot in the order will be considered an out. If the number of players falls below 9, the game is considered a forfeit.

ALL TIMES AND FIELDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONSULT THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BOARD ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHEN AND WHERE YOU WILL PLAY YOUR NEXT GAME. THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BOARD WILL BE LOCATED AT EACH LOCATION WITH THE SITE DIRECTOR

Pool Standings Sorted on the following:

- 1) Winning Percentage - Descending
- 2) Number Wins - Descending
- 3) Number Loses - Ascending
- 4) Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Pct - Descending [Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other]
- 5) Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
- 6) Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending