



2018 Cheshire Flames Invitational

Rules and General Information



(* Please adhere to Cheshire Town Regulations on No Smoking/Drinking at any Public Park *)

General Tournament Information

Dates: June 22th, 23th and 24th 2018

Age Groups: 10u, 12u & 14u

Game Locations:

10u - Cheshire Park - Highland Ave (Rte 10) - Between Creamery and Stony Hill Road

12u - Bartlem Park - 520 South Main St. (Rte 10) - directly across the street from the Cheshire High School

14u - Cheshire High School - 525 South Main St. (Rte 10)

Welcome to the 2018 Flames Invitational

Hello Managers and Coaches,

Welcome to the 2018 Cheshire Flames Invitational Softball Tournament! The Cheshire Flames organization is extremely happy to welcome all returning and new teams to our annual Invitational event. We strive to provide a positive, competitive and fun event for all participants.

This packet contains the rules and general information about the Tournament. Tournament updates throughout the weekend will be distributed via email and end of the day results will be posted on the Cheshire Flames website (www.cheshireflames.org).

Participating Teams:

10u: Cheshire Flames, Ct Shoreline Sting (North Branford), Wolcott Eagles, Franklin Fury (Franklin Ma), Mid Hudson Rebels (Kingston NY), Southington Thunder, Taunton Tornadoes White (Ma), Taunton Tornadoes Blue (Ma)

12u: Cheshire Flames Black, Cheshire Flames Red, Apponaug Pride (Warwick RI), Ct Diamond Club Blue (East Hartford), Ct Eliminators (Cromwell), Ct Gators (Orange), Wolcott Eagles Red, North Haven Pride, Taunton Tornadoes (Ma), Wolcott Eagles Black

14u: Cheshire Flames Black, Cheshire Flames Red, Cheshire Flames White, CLCF Bombers (Cranston RI), Ct Fury (Fairfield), Ct Tigers (West Hartford), North Haven Pride, Taunton Tornadoes (Ma), Wolcott Eagles Red, Xtreme Chaos (Stratford)

Important Tournament Notes:

Parking at Bartlem Park: A Lacrosse tournament will be held the same weekend as our Softball Tournament. Please use designated parking for “Softball Only” at Bartlem Park. Additional Parking is available across the street at the High School. **Note:** there is additional parking on the right side of the High School as you enter the parking lot that isn’t visible to view!

All teams must present their Rosters and Proof-of-Insurance at their designated field registration table one hour prior to their first game of the tournament, no exceptions. You must also have with you, at all times, Birth Certificates for all of your roster players which may be requested and must be immediately presented to the Tournament Director / Assistant Director.

Pool play games will be played on Friday evening and Saturday. Friday evening games will be scheduled for teams that are geographically close to Cheshire.

Seeding for Sunday’s Elimination Games will be posted to our website and emailed Saturday night upon the conclusion of the Pool play games.

When you first check-in for your initial Pool play game on Friday or Saturday, you will receive Individual MVP awards for your Pool play games (10u and 12u only). Your team is to select an opposing team member to receive a MVP award after each Pool game. Please note a player is to accept only one MVP award during Pool play. Please consult with your opponent’s manager prior to award to ensure no one player receives multiple “MVP” awards during Pool play.

Game score cards will be provided to the umpires. At the conclusion of each game the team names and scores are to be recorded and the card signed by both managers and umpire. The umpire will submit the game score card to the registration tent.

Concessions:

10u (Cheshire Park): **Bimonte’s Pizza** will be providing pizza, snacks, water, soda and Gatorade_ on Saturday

12u (Bartlem Park): **Bimonte’s Pizza** will be providing pizza, snacks, water, soda and Gatorade_ on Saturday and Sunday

14u (High School): **Bimonte’s Pizza** will be providing pizza, snacks, water, soda and Gatorade_ on Saturday and Sunday

Tournament T-Shirts will be available for sale at the registration tables

2018 Cheshire Flames Invitational Tournament Rules:

The 2018 USA Rulebook will apply unless modified below:

- 1) Each team may bat more than nine players as long as the batting order remains the same
- 2) Free substitution rules. You can move any of your players into any defensive role at any time. Batting order must stay consistent and not change regardless of any defensive position moves.
- 3) Courtesy runners are allowed at all times for Pitchers and Catchers (last batted out). Other than Pitchers & Catchers, general Pinch Runner rules apply. Any injured players may have a Pinch Runner inserted at any time (last batted out).
- 4) Time Limit: For pool, elimination and semi-final games no new inning may start after 1 hour and 20 minutes and the inning being played will be finished. Championship games have no time limit and will be played for a full seven (12U & 14U) or six (10U) innings unless the "Run ahead Rule" comes into effect.
- 5) All 12U and 14U games are seven innings or until the "Run ahead Rule" or time limit rule takes effect. All 10U games are six innings or until the "Run ahead Rule" or time limit rule takes effect.
- 6) Pool play games that end in a tie when time expires will be recorded as a tie.
- 7) During elimination games the tie breaker rule will be used if:
 - a. A game is tied after seven (12U & 14U) or six (10U) completed innings
-OR-
 - b. The allotted game time limit has expired

(A base runner will start on second base with no outs. The runner will be the last batted out from the previous inning.)

- 8) A coin toss will determine Home team during Pool play. Failure to appear when umpires call for the coin toss will result in a 7-0 forfeit. Higher seeded teams will be home team during elimination play.
- 9) "Run ahead Rule" of 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings will be in effect for all games.
- 10) The Tournament Director or his designee will make every effort to bring the Tournament to a successful completion and reserves the right to change, shorten, modify or alter games and/or schedules in order to accomplish this goal.
- 11) Weather - If a sufficient number of pool games are not played due to rain, seeding for the elimination round will be drawn at random or determined per the Tournament Director's discretion. If the elimination round games are rained out the results from pool play will determine the tournament winners.
- 12) Rain-Out Policy: If no games are started or completed, 2/3's of the entry fee will be refunded. If one game is completed, 1/2 of the entry fee will be refunded. There will be no refunds after the start of a team's second game. All refunds will be mailed within 14 days of tournament's completion.
- 13) The criteria utilized to determine team seeding on Elimination Sunday are in order as

follows:

- a. Total points: 2 points given for each win and 1 point given for a tie during Pool play
 - b. Head-to-Head Record (this will apply only if two teams are tied)
 - c. Runs Allowed (after taking into account "Runs Allowed", if the number of tied teams is reduced to two teams then revert back to step "b")
 - d. Runs Scored (after taking into account "Runs Scored", if the number of tied teams is reduced to two teams then revert back to step "b")
 - e. If all else fails, seeding will be determined by random by the Tournament Director.
- 14) Umpire Judgment calls are final, no protests permitted. In an event that a coach or player is ejected from a game by an umpire, the ejection is for the rest of the Tournament and the ejected party must immediately leave the premises before the game continues.
- 15) Game Time is under the control of the umpires on the field.
- 16) If there is an unbalanced number of teams and a team is required to play an extra (4th) Pool play game, that team will designate one of their games with the Tournament Director as "not counting" in their overall Pool play standings. This information must be shared with the Tournament Director three days prior to the first game and is binding. Dropped game(s) will be posted / noted on the final published schedule on our site (cheshireflames.org) when applicable.

10U Pool Play Schedule

(NOTE: CP = Cheshire Park)

Friday, June 22

| Time | Field | Game |
|-------------|-------|--|
| 6:15 - 7:45 | CP2 | Cheshire Flames vs Wolcott Eagles |
| 6:15 - 7:45 | CP3 | Ct Shoreline Sting (North Branford) vs Southington Thunder |

Saturday, June 23

| Time | Field | Game |
|---------------|-------|---|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CP2 | Southington Thunder vs Taunton Tornadoes White (Ma) |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CP3 | Cheshire Flames vs Taunton Tornadoes Blue (Ma) |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CP2 | Taunton Tornadoes White (Ma) vs Franklin Fury (Franklin Ma) |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CP3 | Taunton Tornadoes Blue (Ma) vs Mid Hudson Rebels (Kingston NY) |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CP2 | Southington Thunder vs Franklin Fury (Franklin Ma) |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CP3 | Cheshire Flames vs Mid Hudson Rebels (Kingston NY) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CP1 | Ct Shoreline Sting (North Branford) vs Taunton Tornadoes White (Ma) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CP3 | Wolcott Eagles vs Taunton Tornadoes Blue (Ma) |
| 2:40 - 4:10 | CP1 | Ct Shoreline Sting (North Branford) vs Franklin Fury (Franklin Ma) |

2:40 – 4:10 CP3 Wolcott Eagles vs Mid Hudson Rebels (Kingston NY)

10U Elimination Round Schedule

Sunday, June 24

| Time | Field | Game |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CP2 | #4 seed vs. #5 seed |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CP3 | #3 seed vs. #6 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CP2 | #1 seed vs. #8 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CP3 | #2 seed vs. #7 seed |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CP2 | #4/#5 winner vs. #1/#8 winner |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CP3 | #3/#6 winner vs. #2/#7 winner |
| 1:30 | CP2 | Championship Game |

12U Pool Play Schedule

(NOTE: Bart = Bartlem Park; CP = Cheshire Park, Cheshire High School; V = Varsity; JV = Junior Varsity)

Friday, June 22

| Time | Field | Game |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 6:15 – 7:45 | CHS-JV | Ct Gators (Orange) vs Wolcott Eagles Red |
| 6:15 - 7:45 | Bart2 | Cheshire Flames Red vs Wolcott Eagles Black |
| 6:15 - 7:45 | Bart3 | Cheshire Flames Black vs North Haven Pride |

Saturday, June 23

| Time | Field | Game |
|---------------|--------------|---|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | Bart2 | Ct Eliminators (Cromwell) vs Wolcott Eagles Red |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | Bart3 | Cheshire Flames Black vs Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | Bart2 | North Haven Pride vs Wolcott Eagles Red |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | Bart3 | Cheshire Flames Black vs Ct Diamond Club Blue (East Hartford) |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | Bart2 | Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) vs North Haven Pride |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | Bart3 | Ct Eliminators (Cromwell) vs Apponaug Pride (Warwick RI) |

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|-------------|-------|--|
| 1:00 - 2:30 | Bart2 | Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) vs Ct Diamond Club Blue (East Hartford) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | Bart3 | Ct Eliminators (Cromwell) vs Wolcott Eagles Black |
| 2:40 -4:10 | Bart2 | Cheshire Flames Red vs Ct Diamond Club Blue (East Hartford) |
| 2:40 -4:10 | Bart3 | Apponaug Pride (Warwick RI) vs Ct Gators (Orange) |
| 4:20 - 5:50 | Bart2 | Cheshire Flames Red vs Ct Gators (Orange) |
| 4:20 - 5:50 | Bart3 | Wolcott Eagles Black vs Apponaug Pride (Warwick RI) |

12U Elimination Round Schedule

Sunday, June 24

| Time | Field | Game |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | Bart2 | #8 seed vs. #9 seed |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | Bart3 | #7 seed vs. #10 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | Bart2 | #4 seed vs. #5 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | Bart3 | #3 seed vs. #6 seed |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | Bart2 | #1 seed vs. #8/#9 winner |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | Bart3 | #2 seed vs. #7/#10 winner |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | Bart2 | #1/#8/#9 winner vs. #4/#5 winner |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | Bart3 | #2/#7/#10 winner vs. #3/#6 winner |
| 3:00 | Bart3 | Championship Game |

14U Pool Play Schedule

(NOTE: CHS = Cheshire High School; V = Varsity; JV = Junior Varsity; CP = Cheshire Park)

Friday, June 22

| Time | Field | Game |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 6:15 - 7:45 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames White vs North Haven Pride |

Saturday, June 23

| Time | Field | Game |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames Black vs Ct Tigers (West Hartford) |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CHS-JV | Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) vs Ct Fury (Fairfield) |
| 9:40 -11:10 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames Black vs Ct Fury (Fairfield) |

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|---------------|--------|---|
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CHS-JV | Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) vs Ct Tigers (West Hartford) |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CHS-V | CLCF Bombers (Cranston RI) vs Cheshire Flames Red |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CHS-JV | Wolcott Eagles Red vs Xtreme Chaos (Stratford) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CP2 | Ct Fury (Fairfield) vs Ct Tigers (West Hartford) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames Black vs CLCF Bombers (Cranston RI) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CHS-JV | Cheshire Flames White vs Taunton Tornadoes (Ma) |
| 2:40 - 4:10 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames Red vs Wolcott Eagles Red |
| 2:40 - 4:10 | CHS-JV | North Haven Pride vs Xtreme Chaos (Stratford) |
| 3:30 - 5:00 | CP2 | Cheshire Flames White vs CLCF Bombers (Cranston RI) |
| 4:20 - 5:50 | CHS-V | Cheshire Flames Red vs Xtreme Chaos (Stratford) |
| 4:20 - 5:50 | CHS-JV | North Haven Pride vs Wolcott Eagles Red |

14U Elimination Round Schedule

Sunday, June 24

| Time | Field | Game |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CHS-V | #8 seed vs. #9 seed |
| 8:00 - 9:30 | CHS-JV | #7 seed vs. #10 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CHS-V | #4 seed vs. #5 seed |
| 9:40 - 11:10 | CHS-JV | #3 seed vs. #6 seed |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CHS-V | #1 seed vs. #8/#9 winner |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | CHS-JV | #2 seed vs. #7/#10 winner |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CHS-V | #1/#8/#9 winner vs. #4/#5 winner |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | CHS-JV | #2/#7/#10 winner vs. #3/#6 winner |
| 3:00 | CHS-V | Championship Game |

Cheshire Flames Invitational Contacts:

We have several Cheshire Flames' staff members and volunteers present at all fields throughout the weekend and all staff members are available to assist. Please be aware that many of the contact points are also playing tournament games so if your call isn't answered please try another contact on the list.

Tournament Director: Steve Nagle, (203) 640-7775, stevereggie@snet.net

Assistant Director: Brian Pittman, (203) 444-9039, brianlisarachel@sbcglobal.net

Keith Fleming: 10u Cheshire Flames Manager, (860) 208-1987 (Cheshire Park)

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Marlon Hidalgo: 14u Cheshire Flames Black Manager, (203) 804-1690 (Cheshire High School)

Dan Sweigard: 14u Cheshire Flames Red Manager, (203) 233-3230 (Cheshire High School)