

# TOURNAMENT POLICIES

## REGISTRATION & ROSTERS

- Team registration closes October 31, 2025. Team entry is only complete once the registration fee is paid.
- Roster deadline is November 3, 2025. All teams must submit their team roster with ratings for their players. Ratings need to include answers to the 2025 IPS open division player rating guidelines. Player ratings submitted on roster forms will be verified with the IPS database.
- All rostered players must have a 2025 IPS rating in the database. New players must be rated and entered by your league commissioner prior to the tournament—no exceptions. Work with your league to ensure this is completed on time.
- All players must sign the official Turkey Shootout ratings roster in Palm Springs and present a valid state-issued ID at registration. Playing without signing may result in ejection and team forfeiture. **No** registration on Sunday.

## PICKUP PLAYERS

- Teams may add players after the final roster deadline and before their first game, as long as the additions do not raise the team's rating into a higher division.
- Added players must be submitted to the tournament director before player registration closes and must have a 2025 IPS rating. Pick-up players must register before playing.

## ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- To play in the Turkey Shootout open division, a player must sign their team's roster, have a 2025 IPS rating in the database, and meet Division Determination rules. Players may only appear on one roster.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- All open divisions will play two pool games, then teams will be seeded into double elimination based on, in order: win/loss/tie record (2-0-0; 1-0-1; 1-1-0; 0-0-2; 0-1-1; 0-2-0), head-to-head results, run differential, and fewest runs allowed.

## POOL PLAY:

- Pools will be formed by randomly distributing teams from participating cities across all division pools, with efforts made to keep teams from the same city in separate pools.

## FORFEIT:

- Game time is forfeit time. If the schedule is running behind, the game clock will start when the umpire begins play. Teams must have at least 9 eligible players at game time or the game will be forfeited.

## UNIFORM:

- Teams do not need matching uniforms, but all players must wear a contrasting Arabic number (0-99), at least 6 inches tall, visible on the back of their shirts. No duplicate numbers are allowed on the same team (e.g., 0 and 00 or 3 and 03). Visible jewelry such as watches, bracelets, rings, necklaces, and piercings should not be worn, and communication devices, keys, or clips are prohibited during games. Players who wear these items do so at their own risk.

## DIVISION DETERMINATION:

- All players must have a 2025 IPS rating. The ten (10) top rated players will be added together to give the team rating for all Open Division teams.
- C Open/Legends teams have a maximum rating of 130 or lower, with no players rated over 14. D Open/Legends teams have a maximum rating of 95, with no players rated over 10. E open teams have a maximum rating of 60, with no players rated above 6.

## PROTESTS/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- Protests must be raised to the game umpire before the last out with the player(s) in question. Play continues without delay until the game ends or time expires. A protest card and fees (\$100 filing fee plus \$25 per question) must be submitted to a tournament representative within 5 minutes of raising the protest. The protest committee may include tournament officials and/or their designee(s). If any part of the protest is upheld, the \$25 question fees and filing fee will be refunded (pro-rated if applicable). If upheld and the team or player rating exceeds the division limit, the protested game is forfeited. The team may continue in the tournament if this forfeit is not their second loss and the team's total rating remains within division limits after recalculation. Players exceeding rating limits cannot play further.

## OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK:

- The home team's scorebook is the official record. Visiting teams are strongly encouraged to keep their own scorebook and confirm the score with the home team every half inning.

## SPECIFIC FIELD RULES:

- Umpires will address all rules for each field at the time the line-ups are exchanged.

## SPORTSMANSHIP/EJECTION:

- Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible for their team's next game. In cases of severe conduct, the player may be removed from the tournament at the discretion of the umpire, UIC, field representative(s), or tournament director. All ejections will be reported to the UIC and tournament director to determine if further action is needed.

## ALCOHOL:

- Alcohol consumption in dugouts must follow Big League Dreams policies. Any player under the influence of alcohol or other substances that pose a risk to themselves or others will be removed from the park and may face further tournament suspension. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in the parking lot at all times. Full park policies can be found at: [Park Policies](#).

## SMOKING:

- Smoking/vaping at Big League Dreams, Cathedral City is not allowed in the complex. Full park policies can be found at: [Park Policies](#).

## AUDIBLE MUSIC:

- Audible music players/speakers are not allowed to be played inside the park. Full park policies can be found at: [Park Policies](#).