

# Ultimate College Showcase

## Tournament Rules and General Information

- ★ 18U & 16U age groups.
- ★ 4-game format - 2 games on Saturday and 2 games on Sunday.
- ★ 7-inning, 1:30 time limit (finish the batter).
- ★ USA Sanctioned.
- ★ Showcase venue is (1) one location (park & play!).
- ★ No out-of-pocket expense for umpires (cost included in registration).
- ★ Teams will be grouped by similar level of play to ensure that games are competitive.
- ★ Option - Friday Night Individual Showcase (\$95/player).
- ★ Games will be video recorded by 'Connect Softball' and Game Film will be available for college coaches across the nation. Game video is also available to participating players with an option to purchase a customized highlight video.
- ★ Certified Trainers/1<sup>st</sup> Aid on site.
- ★ 15-player team roster max.

**Check-in Information:** Each Team MUST check-in at the Headquarters tent located at the sports complex at least 1-hour before their first game. At check-in, teams must submit a paper copy of their teams' insurance. Teams will receive their Team Packet at that time which will have their player bracelets and other important info in them. Your roster and waiver forms should be completed online and submitted at least two weeks before the event.

**Rules:** We will be following USA rules with some College Showcase exceptions. Bat the roster, free substitutions. Home team is determined by coin toss. There will be no assigned dugouts. REMEMBER – this is not a tournament format and wins mean nothing. Head-to-head competition is randomly selected. The meaning of this event is to showcase the player's talent.

**Lineups:** You do not need to turn in lineups as Showcase rules indicated there will be free substitution and unlimited batters in the batting order so the need for a official lineup is not necessary. 15-player team roster max.

**Game Time:** Official game will end at 7 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes with the finish-the-batter rule. Obvious delay of game tactics will not be condoned. Remember - the college coaches want to see girls playing, not coaches trying to stall out the clock.

**Uniforms:** Uniform shirts must be numbered. Pick up players may wear their original team's uniform. No duplicate numbers allowed. No jewelry other than post type earrings in ears is allowed. Post type earrings in ears may be worn but must be taped. Umpires will be the judge in jewelry matters. If the umpire deems the earring unsafe, then the player must remove them with no argument. Metal cleats are allowed for the Camps and Showcases.

**Wristbands:** All players must wear the appropriate colored wristband during the entire duration of the tournament. Players without wristbands will not be allowed to play. A limited number of extra wristbands will be available at the tournament desk if a band is lost or broken, but it is recommended that the players be extremely responsible with their wristbands. It is recommended that the wristband be attached loosely to the wrist so it can be taken off and put back on during the weekend. The wristbands will show that the players are eligible to play in the tournament, PLUS they designate to the college coaches the year of graduation of the player and their recruiting eligibility.

**Scheduling:** It is the responsibility of the team managers and coaches to verify their game schedule to ensure that no changes have been made. We do whatever we can to make it easy for you to be notified of changes, but you must do your part.

**IMPORTANT:** Please download and use **Tourney Machine App** to view the most updated schedule. We also use the app for communications about the event. There will not be a "tournament board" maintained at the event and all aspects of scheduling can be viewed on the **Tourney Machine App**.

**Option – Friday Individual Showcase:** Players have the option of participating in the Individual Showcase on Friday which will include a clinic and scrimmage game. All games will be filmed.

**Game Film:** Ultimate Events and Sports has teamed up with Connect Softball and Coach Packet to bring the college coaches and participants the best video coverage and profile distribution. Connect Softball is the exclusive video provider for this event, and Coach Packet will provide all electronic player profiles to all coaches in the country. All showcase fields will be filmed and distributed for FREE to all college coaches in the Nation through Coach Packet. All games are filmed at elevation in professional HD.

Individual game film or highlight video for the participants will be available to purchase through Connect Softball.

**First Aid:** There will be a certified trainer on site with first aid supplies first aid supplies. The certified trainer will be in a tent that is centrally located at the venue. It is encouraged that each team bring their own first aid supplies.

**College Coaches Only:** No players, team coaches, or parents/spectators will be allowed in areas designated "College Coaches Only". This includes the Hospitality Tents and the Scouting Areas that are designated at each park. Please make sure to discuss this issue with the players, parents and fans that are with your team.

**Forfeits:** Forfeits are to be avoided at all costs. Forfeits are at the discretion of the Tournament Director at your location of play. If you are short a player (due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances) and need one player to keep you from forfeiting, please contact the Tournament Desk or Tournament Director immediately.

**Protests:** This is a non-protesting tournament event. Rule disagreements will be settled at the time by the home plate umpire. Please do not argue. Remember the spirit of the tournament. College coaches do not want to spend their time watching arguments. Teams that refuse to play when an umpire says "Play Ball" could be penalized, upon review of the tournament director, with forfeit of all remaining games.

**Weather:** In case of uncontrollable circumstances or interruptions due to weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the tournament format in any way necessary to reach a conclusion. This can include, but may not be limited to, shortened game times, fewer games guaranteed, or playing rule changes. Games interrupted may not be resumed. Everything possible will be done to get the players on the field as soon as possible.

**Ejections & Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers/coaches are responsible for their own conduct and for that of their players and spectators. Abusive language and/or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in any degree. Noisemakers, whether homemade or store bought, are not allowed. Coaches, players, and spectators may be ejected from the game if in violation of this rule. Any manager, coach, player, or spectator who is ejected from a game will be ejected for the entire weekend event.

**Cancellation/Refund Policy:** There will be no refund of entry fees due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as weather. Teams withdrawing after the schedule has been posted will not be offered a refund or a rollover of their entry fee. These late withdrawals affect several other teams besides the team withdrawing. Please plan accordingly.

**Stay 2 Play:** Ultimate Showcase events are Stay 2 Play events. Please use our main event page on our [website](#) to book your hotel and to review our travel policy. Teams that do not adhere to our Stay 2 Play policy risk being eliminated from the event.