

2026 Dark Star Diamond Duel



Host:	Mat-Su Softball Association
Date:	July 17-19
Class of Tournaments:	Men's C / Men's D
Field Location:	Bumpus Ballfields 1-4
Tournament Director:	John Shannon
UIC:	Don Ostrom
Home Run Limit Rule:	C - Plus 2, D - 1, and progressive
Awards:	1st place trophies for each tournament



RULES:

1. The **Travesty Run Rule** is in effect for all games: 20 runs after the 3rd inning, 15 runs after the 4th inning, or 10 runs after the 5th or 6th inning in all games played. Teams that are spotted runs cannot use them towards travesty. Travesty is in effect for the championship and "IF" games.
2. Teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players for all tournament games.
3. Teams are allowed three (3) pickup players, provided they are not from a higher classification and meet the participation requirements. Team rosters, including any pickup players, must be delivered or emailed to the Mat-Su Softball Association (MSSA) by the local association before NOON on Wednesday. **Note: Players may not be picked up from other teams participating in the tournament.**
4. All players must wear shirts with numbers on the back that are similar in design. Hats (optional) are allowed, but must be baseball hats and worn appropriately. Different types of baseball hats are acceptable. **Note: The uniform rule is not in effect.**
5. Game time is forfeit time. No grace period is permitted unless the scheduled team(s) are still participating in an earlier tournament game. All games will have a **one (1) hour time limit**, except championship games, which will have no time limit.
6. Men's C Tiered • Tier A-0 Spot • Tier B-3 Spot • Tier C-6 Spot • Tier D-9 Spot • Tier E-12 Spot
7. A coin toss will be held before the game to determine the home team. In the championship game, the undefeated team will decide on the home team. If there is more than one undefeated team or in the event of an "IF" game, the home team will be determined by a coin toss.
8. Minors must be at least 14 years old and submit an MSSA parental consent form before taking the field. All minors are required to wear a batting helmet. Failure to do so will result in the following penalties: a first offense will receive a warning, a second offense will require sitting out for the remainder of the game, and a third offense will result in disqualification from the tournament.
9. USA Softball of Alaska rules apply except where stated within this document.
10. Teams are allowed one (1) courtesy runner per inning; any player on the team roster may be a courtesy runner. Pitchers may have a courtesy runner at any time. Any eligible player may be a courtesy runner once per inning for any player other than the pitcher. This player may also run for the pitcher whenever the pitcher is on base.

11. The Protest Committee consists of the Tournament Director, UIC, and a person provided by the Tournament Director.
12. The Tournament Director will furnish game balls. HR balls must be retrieved or a suitable replacement provided immediately to avoid game delays if the team hits a home run.
13. Batting orders are to be submitted to the Official Scorekeeper at least five (5) minutes before game time.
14. Infield practice is not allowed.
15. Metal cleats are not permitted anywhere inside the complex.
16. **** BAT TESTING** All bats are required to have a 2026 Certification Sticker from MSSA, Anchortown Sports, Anchorage Sports, or GHSA.** Any bat may be tested when deemed appropriate by the UIC or Tournament Director to ensure they are within USA Softball performance standards for all games. Bat testing will be available at the fields.
17. Tournament fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled in its entirety due to unexpected circumstances, such as extreme weather.
18. In any eventuality not covered above, the decision of the Tournament Director will prevail.

Animals (including dogs, cats, and reptiles), bicycles, scooters, outside alcohol, and controlled substances are not permitted inside the complex. Any individual found in possession of outside alcohol or controlled substances will be asked to leave for the remainder of the tournament. Please help keep dugouts, parking lots, and camp sites clean. Daytime parking only is permitted across the street. Participating in the tournament and camping are privileges we enjoy.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND! PLAY WELL AND HAVE FUN!