



## **Welcome to Shako Showdown Tournament - We are excited to host over 90 teams at our event this summer!**

### **Umpires:**

Our umpires will primarily be players from our Shakopee Youth Baseball Association. We take great pride in training our players in this facet of the game; all have been through umpire training and have various game/tourney experiences. The higher the level, the more experienced umpires you will see.

**We will have ZERO TOLERANCE for any coaches, fans, or players interacting negatively with any of the umpires (these individuals will be removed from the tournament).** As you should already know, there is an umpire shortage. It is not an easy task to umpire games and criticizing them makes it even more difficult. Please respect and encourage these young umpires as if they were your own kids and monitor your coaches, players, and fans. Enjoy watching the games!

### **Coaches:**

Please be sure to verify scorecards and pitch counts with the umpires. They will have cards to fill out each game.

### **Heat:**

Bring lots of water. The only benches covered (dugouts) are at the Johnson Complex (E, C, W). Feel free to bring pop-up tent coverings for your benches at the other fields.

### **Concessions:**

We will have full concessions including grilled burgers and hot dogs at Tahpah Park (building between fields 2-4), Muenchow Fields, and at the white building between Johnson Fields E and C. We will also have a tent concession stand set up between Tahpah Fields 6-7. Please support our association's efforts in this fundraiser.

We'd recommend the Lion's Tap or the Culver's if you're looking for off-site food options.

### **Parking:**

Please follow these hints to help spread out the parking options when playing at these fields:

- Tahpah 1-4 - Enter east parking lot off Marystown Road
- Tahpah 5-8 - Enter west parking lot off Vierling Drive W or via the access road (between fields 5 and 6) from the east parking lot (the roundabout at Adams St. S and Vierling Dr. W is closed)



- Johnson Complex E and C - Parking lot off Spencer St just east of football stadium/walk through "Neil Johnson Softball Complex" arch to get to fields
- Johnson W - Parking lot off Vierling Drive located between Fields W and C
- Muenchow 1-3 - Community Center parking lot off Fuller St - some can park on Fuller

#### **Tourney Shirts:**

- If pre-ordered, head coaches please pick up the t-shirts at the Tahpah concession stand prior to your first game.
- We will have some extras at the concessions stand, but they always sell out fast.

#### **Tourney Machine App:**

- We will have schedules, results, and pitch counts updated throughout the tournament on this app. If we have inclement weather, the game time updates will be on Tourney Machine.

#### **If Rain:**

- Do NOT go onto the fields and try to push around water. Our fields drain well naturally and we will have trained crews ready to prep the fields. If you push water too early, you will delay the process of playing on your field. Please be patient and stay off the fields.

**"We love watching you play!" Shakopee Youth Baseball Association**