

JANUARY 16th-19th, 2025 - ORLANDO, FLORIDA WORLDS

Entry Fee is \$300 --- if you are a minor or if you have a work or religious reason you cannot play for the \$300 you can petition the STPC Council for an exception to play for \$50. In the event you win the tournament you would win \$100. This is a cashless event – submit your entry fee by the deadline to (PayPal) STPCTreasury@gmail.com, (Zelle or Venmo) toby.strite@gmail.com, (408)-324-6317, Samuel Strite

We will have either 9 or 10 person divisions (where necessary a DRAID would draft teams to "round out the field"). There would be a Maximum of 1 DRAID in a division. They would be the last teams to select a position in that division (i.e., would receive whatever Open draft spot there is). The games vs the DRAID team do not count in the standings. So, winning % is used to determine seeds between divisions that have a DRAID vs those that did not have a DRAID.

Declaration of Online Draft, In Person Draft, or Either and payment of funds is due by January 11th.

The venue: Tru by Hilton Orlando Convention Center

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?cityhocrn=ORLCCRU&arrivalDate=2025-01-15&departureDate=2025-01-19&groupCode=STRAT5&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>.

Our room allotment is fully booked, but the hotel assures us they will continue to offer the special STPC rate until the hotel reaches capacity.

All times listed will be ET

Roller released Sunday January 12th at Noon. If you don't roll by 6PM we will roll for. When it is your turn to pick a draft spot we need you to pick within an hour (hopefully much faster). If now we will automatically give you the earliest draft spot available.

All division selections On-Line or In Person would occur via email/text.

Online Drafts will begin Tuesday Night at 9PM, In Person Drafts will begin 5PM on Thursday

Online Draft teams can choose to begin their series on Thursday in person at 5PM. We will not roll for On-Line schedules until shortly before 5PM.

Series and Start Times. We will have nine playing series. 1 starting on Thursday Night (9PM). 5 on Friday (8AM, 11:00AM, 2:30PM, 5:30PM, 9:30 PM). Saturday 3 series (8AM, 11AM, 2:30 PM)

** there will be a short interruption around 9PM to announce the annual STPC

awards **We are NOT using the "ghost runner rule" for the Worlds.**

Suspended Game Rule -- Each series on Friday and Saturday must be completed before the next series is scheduled to start or for the last series of each day 3 hours after it was scheduled to begin.

If the games are not completed the game will be suspended. The games would be completed

by the end of day. That would mean future games would need to have legal pitching both forwards and backwards. If you have more than one suspended game to be completed the TD's reserve the right to appoint someone to complete your game(s) for you. **Please do NOT put us in that position.**

If your game is supposed to be suspended, we are offering a modified concession option instead of having your game suspended. If the losing team feels the game is "out of hand" and does not meet the normal Concession Requirement (deficit > or equal to 13 - # of innings completed) they could decide to immediately concede the game.

Here are the additional requirements for that (and what would happen):

- 1) The game may not be in Extra Innings
- 2) The game must have completed at least five innings
- 3) The deficit must be a minimum of three runs
- 4) Both teams would need to assign legal pitching innings to complete the nine
innings a) If the starter was still in the game nothing else is required
b) If a team is already into its bullpen, it will assign innings to any legal reliever
to complete the game (9 innings or eight if the visiting team is conceding)

Top 3 Advance to the Playoffs. 1st and 2nd place teams (after ties) automatically advance to the Round of 16 (Best of 5).

If we have five divisions the 3rd place teams (after ties) would automatically advance to the Round of 16 (Best of 5). The best overall record would receive a BYE to the Round of eight.

If we have six divisions the 3rd place teams would be seeded as follows.

The top 2 3rd-place records would be seeded 13th and 14th and advance to the Round of 16 (Best of 5). The remaining 4 teams would be seeded 15th thru 18th and would play a Best of 3 (15th vs 18th and 16th vs 17th) to advance to the Round of 16.

If we have seven divisions the 3rd place teams would be seeded amongst themselves (1 thru 7). They would play a series of 1-game playoffs to determine the 15th and 16th seeds in the Round of sixteen. All their games would be played in "Combo Park". The "better" seed would bat last, the #1 seed would receive a BYE. The 4th and 5th place team would play a 1-game series with the winner facing the #1 seed for one of the advancers. The 2nd seed would play the 7th seed, the 3rd seed would play the 6th seed. The winner would play each other, and the winner of that game would also advance to the Round of sixteen.

If necessary, we will reseed teams prior to the Round of sixteen to ensure that no 2 teams from the same division could meet prior to the Semi-Finals. In the event that teams receive a worse seed than they should have if they eventually play someone they should have had a better seed than they will be the Home Team in that playoff series.

(See separate document for Tie Breaker Scenarios)

1st Place Bracket -- Sweet Sixteen (Best of 5) Begins at 7PM Saturday Night (some might have to start later), Elite Eight (Best of 5) 8AM Sunday, Semi Finals (Best of 7) Noon, Finals (Best of 7)

Consolation Tournament Schedule (TD decided on-site shortly before start of play)

Round of 64 – (1 game) Saturday 700pm (nearly all of these expected to be

byes) Round of 32 – (3 game) Saturday 730pm

Round of 16 #1 (3 game) Saturday 930pm

Round of 16 #2 (3 game) Sunday 8am - 8 winners from Saturday adding eight losers from main bracket

Quarters (3 game) Sunday 10am

Semis (5 game) Sunday 1pm

Finals (5 game) Sunday 5pm