

2026 Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament



Check-In / Complex / Tournament Rules

Check-In

- Coaches must check in with USA Softball representatives **1 hour and 15 minutes prior to their first game** at either Wallace Marine or Geer Park.

Required at Check-In:

- 1. Printed Copy of USA Softball Roster – must be registered with USA Softball.**

City of Salem - Complex Rules

- Smoking or vaping of any kind is prohibited in all facilities - this includes the parking lot.
- NO ANIMALS OR PETS.
- No bicycling, skateboarding, skating, large riding toys, and distracting or noise-making toys.
- Smoking or vaping of any kind is prohibited in all City Parks, this includes the parking lot. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in City of Salem parks, streets, public open spaces, designated sports fields, and recreational buildings.
- One team cooler containing unopened water bottles/sports drinks and fruit is allowed. No cans or glass bottles allowed.
- No hitting/bunting or pitching in the grass, feet MUST be in the dirt warning track.
- NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS, Shelled Nuts or Spitting OF ANY KIND.
- **Rainout info:** I'll text all head coaches by 6am on gameday. My cell is 541.999.1848
 - **Wallace Marine Rainout Line:** 503-362-1396

Tournament Rules

- USA Softball rules in effect with exceptions noted below.
- Tournament is a 4 Game Guarantee – 3 Pool Games, Single Elimination Championship Sunday
- Pool Play seeding is based upon a point system:
 - 1 pt for a win / .5 pt for a tie / 0 points for a loss.
 - One Pool for all Age Divisions
- Pool Tiebreakers:
 1. **Record** (Winning %. Ties count as .5 win and .5 loss)
 2. **Head-to-Head** (Used only when all tied teams have played each other)
 3. **Points Allowed** (An average is used if teams have not played an equal number of games)
 4. **Points Scored** (An average is used if teams have not played an equal number of games)

Note about the Head-to-Head tiebreaker: Head-to-Head is ignored if all tied teams do not play each other at least once. For example, if three teams are tied, and one team plays the other two, but the other two do not play, this tiebreaker is ignored (regardless of the outcome of the two games played by the first team).
- Team listed first or on the top of the bracket - **1st Base dugout** unless already occupied.
- GEER PARK – EAST FIELD: **Only one base advance is allowed on passed balls from the pitcher.**
 - Overthrows from defensive players to home plate: No limit on advance.
- Home team will be determined by a coin flip at the umpires' plate talk. **Pool Play Only.**
 - **Bracket Play: Team with the higher seed will be home team**
 - If both teams are seeded the same, coin flip determines home team.
 - Make sure you know your seed going into Bracket Play games.
- Time Limit:
 - Pool Play and Bracket Play - **No new inning after 1 hr. and 10 minutes.**
 - If Home team is winning when time expires, game is over, batter does NOT complete their turn at bat.
- Time will be kept by the Umpires and announced on the **first warmup pitch.**
 - Some officials may be using a “countdown” timer which will apply in all cases regardless of start time.

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- BCAT “**Buy Back Balls**” (BBB) – **Pool Play Only**
 - A BBB can be purchased for \$20 at the Tournament Directors desk before the first pitch of a pool play game and may only be **used only once per game**.
 - BBB’s can be purchased for **each pool game**.
 - **IMPORTANT:** **BBB’s must be announced at the plate talk with the umpires** so both head coaches are aware that they are in play.
 - A BBB **allows for a “re-do” or a “do over” on a previous pitched or a batted ball**.
 - It must be presented before the next pitch is thrown or the defensive team has left the field of play.
 - The count is resumed same as it was before the BBB was played.
 - The BBB Card is then turned in to the plate umpire.
 - A BBB can be used to “buy back” a BBB just played *if the card has not been used previously*.
 - In other words, you can “trump” a played BBB and the results of the prior play stands; now both BBB’s are no longer in play.
- **1 minute between innings** – a key point of emphasis given the tight time frames during pool play games. A ball will be awarded to the batter if, in the umpires’ judgement, too much time elapsed between innings and a “time violation” will be declared.
- **Mercy Run Rule** in effect: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5
- **Tie Games**
 - Pool Play games can end in a TIE and each team will be awarded .5 Point.
 - Bracket Games - If teams are tied at the end of 1hr 10 Mins of play, or 7 complete innings:
 - During each half inning of the inning used to enforce the tiebreaker, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with **the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed at **second base**** and **the player scheduled to bat next-to-last at **third base****.
 - For example, if the number five batter is to lead off, the number four batter in the batting order should be placed on second base and the number three batter in the lineup should be placed on third base.

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- Should the wrong player be placed on second or third base and it is brought to the umpire's attention, the play stands and **there is NO penalty.**
 - This should occur **even if a pitch has been thrown,** or the runners have advanced a base or scored.
- Teams can **bat the roster** throughout the Tournament. Also, any combo of DP Flex / EP's and subs are allowed.
- Substitutions for the Pitcher and Catcher must be reported.
- Courtesy Runners – Pitchers and Catchers only
 - If **YOU ARE** batting the roster, **Courtesy Runners for Pitcher/Catcher** will be the last available batter in the lineup.
 - If you are **NOT** batting the entire roster and have substitutes, **substitutes must be used for your courtesy runners.** Once all your subs have been used, no other courtesy runners are allowed.
- **Line-up Cards: First AND Last Name of players; starting positions of pitchers/catchers and player numbers** must be listed on line-up cards. Subs should be listed on the bottom of the lineup (not off to the right of your starting lineup).
- **Injured players** that leave the game may not return unless being replaced by a substitute.
 - If substitutes are available, one must be used to replace the injured player the lineup
 - If NO substitutes are available, the lineup will be compressed.
 - The injured player may re-enter the game one time if replaced by a substitute.
- Checking Bats and Helmets for this tournament will be the responsibility of the coaches.
- **Home Run Balls:** It is the responsibility of the offensive team to chase foul balls rather quickly....(please).
 - **BCAT Home Run balls must be purchased at the TD desk for \$10**
- **Music: Offensive Team only;** No music when your team is on defense. Music must be appropriate and volume reasonable.
- **No one is allowed in the team dugout that is NOT certified by USA Softball.**
- All protests will be decided before the next pitch is thrown. All protests will be settled by the site UIC / Tournament Director and are final.

Administration

- There will be no refunds after the Schedule is published – approved exceptions will be charged a \$150 administration fee.
- Should the tournament be partially canceled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, a \$100 refund will be issued per game NOT played.
- If tournament is cancelled in its entirety due to any reason, a \$550 refund will be issued.
 - \$75 will be donated to the Linda L Vladyka, Breast Wellness Foundation (93-1328274)
 - And other local BCA benefactors TBD.
 - \$75 will be credited to JAG Softball Umpire Association to cover expenses.
 - JAG will provide complete expense accounting to registered organizations and credit teams any net profit to use toward the 2027 BCAT.
- If 3 of the 4 games guaranteed are played, no refund will be issued

Thank you so much for participating in the **2026 Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament!**

All the best and good luck!

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