

2026 High Desert Classic Tournament Rules



Key Tournament, Facility and Playing Rules

1. Coaches must check in with Tournament Director **1 hour and 15 minutes prior to their first game** on Saturday and Sunday.
 1. Required at Saturday Check-In:
 - **Printout of Current Roster**
 - **Player Pick-up forms** (Actual copy, unless player is on roster)

Bowlby Complex Rules

2. Smoking or vaping of any kind is prohibited in all facilities - this includes the parking lot.
3. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Tournament Rules

1. USA Softball rules in effect with exceptions noted below.
2. Time Limit: **No new inning after 1 hr. and 20 minutes for both Saturday pool play and Sunday bracket, including the Championship games.**
 - **Pool play:** If Home team is winning when time expires, **batter will complete their turn at bat;** all runs scored in that inning will count towards final pool play standings.
 - **This is NOT a drop-dead time limit.** There has been some confusion in the past.

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3. Teams can **bat the roster** or any combination of DP/Flex straight 9, or any version of EP's in Pool and Bracket play. If batting the roster, courtesy runners for Pitcher/Catcher will be the **last available batter** in the lineup.
 - If you have substitutes, they must be used as the courtesy runner until they have officially entered the game.
4. First team listed on schedule (or on top part of bracket) will have 1st Base dugout unless you're already on that field, then stay where you are.
5. Run Rules are in effect: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5.
6. Runs per Inning: There is no run rule.
7. Coin flip at home plate to determine Home Team **during Pool Play**.
 - **Sunday Bracket Play:** Higher seed will be HOME TEAM
 - **Make sure you know your seeding for Sunday brackets.**
8. Checking Bats and Helmets for this tournament will be the responsibility of the coaches.
9. **Softballs are at a premium this year.** It is the responsibility of the offensive team to chase foul balls rather quickly.... (please).
 - Home Run balls are \$10 and will be donated to our **Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament** to be held on Labor Day. Join us! JAG Softball Umpire Association donated **\$22,888 in 2025!**
 - Bring the HR ball to the Tournament Directors table and exchange it for a new one along with paying the \$10.00.
10. **Music: Offensive Team only;** Music must be appropriate and volume reasonable.
 - **Line-up Cards: First Initial 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.
11. **Time will be kept by the Umpires** and starts on the **first warmup pitch**.

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12. Tie Games ARE ALLOWED in Pool Play

- **Sunday Bracket games only:** If teams are tied at the end of 1hr 20 Mins of play, the new inning will start with runners **on 2nd and 3rd base**.
 - 2nd base runner will be the LAST SCHEDULED BATTER in that inning.
 - 3rd base runner will be the 2ND TO LAST SCHEDULED batter in that inning.

13. Pool Tiebreakers:

1. Record (Winning pct, number Wins - 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: If the system cannot break ties at a particular tiebreaking stage, the system (**RegisterPlay**) will move to the next tiebreaker and not return or revert back to a previous tiebreaker.

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).

14. Sunday Brackets – Gold and Silver (Home team is the higher seed)

****IMPORTANT****

Although there are three pools (and the number of teams in each pool is not “equal”), the POOL TIEBREAKS will be applied to all teams as an OVERALL ranking for advancement into the Gold Division.

15. All protests will be settled by the site UIC / Tournament Director and are final.

Administrative/Business Stuff

1. An \$80 administration fee will be charged on any refunds.
2. There will be no refunds after the schedule is published.
3. Should the tournament be canceled or partially canceled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, a \$100 refund will be issued per games not played. If 3 of the 4 guaranteed games are played, no refund will be issued.
4. Rainout info: I'll text all head coaches by 6am on gameday. My cell is 541.999.1848

Stay in touch online via Register Play

All pool play results and standings and bracket play will be posted on Register Play:

[High Desert Championships - 12 Open | USA Softball of OR](#)

OR simply use the QR Code below: Be sure to send it to your parents!



Finally, thank you so much for attending the 2026 High Desert Classic!!

All the best and good luck!

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