



**2026 Rawlings Invitational Tournament  
June 13-14, 2026.**

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**2026 Tournament Rules:**

**Individual Game Rules:**

- Standard USA Softball rules apply, except where amended here for this tournament.
- Pre-game warm-up may only take place on the outfield grass. Keep the infield clear for the field crew.
- The home book is responsible for recording the games official start time from the umpire.
- No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 20 minutes. (Saturday and Sunday)
- Games will end via "Run Rule" with one team leading by 15 runs after 3 complete innings, 12 runs after 4 complete innings or 8 runs any time after 5 innings. (Saturday and Sunday).
- In the event of an ejection of a coach by an umpire. The coach must leave the premises immediately, failure to do so will result in play being stopped and forfeit of game and teams' suspension from the tournament.
- Games may begin early. Have your team at the facility to warm-up and if we are ahead of schedule the tournament director will inform your team as the previous game finishes and will alert you of the new game time. Be ready to possibly play early.
- Each team must designate a player or coach to retrieve foul balls.

**Saturday Pool Play:**

- During Pool Play (Saturday)-teams shall bat the roster.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher, per USA Softball Rules. This runner must be last batter to have completed their turn at bat and not on base.
- Home Team will be determined by a double coin flip.

- In addition to no new inning beginning after 1 hour and 20 minutes, pool play games drop dead at 1 hour 45 minutes. In event a drop dead is evoked the score stands where game drops dead. It DOES NOT revert to last completed inning.
- Ties are allowed in pool play.
- Five runs maximum allowed in each inning in pool play (Saturday only).

#### Sunday Bracket Play

- During bracket play (Sunday) teams must bat 9 using standard USA Softball rules. (Note: with USA Softball Rules, you may use DP/Flex or EP.)
- Courtesy runner must be a player not yet entered game as- per standard USA Softball.
- Home Team will be determined by team with the lower seeding. They may select home or away. (example #1 seed in bracket picks home/away).
- There will be no drop dead in bracket play.
- During Bracket play the international tie breaker will be used for tied games, per USA Softball rules. (runner beginning on second base).

#### Calculation of Seeding to Move into Bracket Play:

- After Saturday's pool play teams will be seeded into one of four brackets based on their overall tournament seeding using the criteria listed below. The top 8 teams will be placed in the "Gold" bracket. Team's number 9-16 will be placed in the "Silver" bracket. Teams 17-24 will be placed in the "Bronze" bracket and teams 25-32 will be placed in the "White" bracket. Teams 32-39 will be placed in the "Blue Bracket" and teams 40-43 will be placed in the "red" bracket.
- Please note: with over 11 pools, teams who finish 2-0 in pool play are not guaranteed a spot in the gold bracket. All 2-0 teams will face the seeding criteria below.
- Criteria for seeding. 1) Overall Pool Play win/loss percentage. 2) Fewest runs allowed. 3) Most runs scored. 4) Computer Generated Coin Flip determined by USA Softball Register Play System.
- Sunday Brackets will be posted on the USA Softball of Oregon site and emailed to coaches by approximately 7:30pm Saturday evening- coaches are responsible for checking the email and communicating the Sunday times to their teams.

#### Facility Rules:

- No smoking, tobacco , or alcoholic beverages are allowed on premises.
- No jumping over the outfield home run fences at any time by players not currently playing in a game- (penalty)- teams ejection from tournament.
- Warm-up can be conducted beyond the outfield fences.
- Fields are dirt/grass.