

Seward Softball Association

Fathers Day Rules

Winning teams need to text the score of your games to Jason 402 440 - 4357 ASAP after the game ends, please include team names and age group.

Example Seward Jazz Carr 12U 5, Seward Jazz Anderson 12U 2.

1. This is an USA - sanctioned tournament. All UIC and umpire decisions are final. The tournament director reserves the right to modify, shorten time or innings. USA Softball rules will be used except for special tournament exceptions as noted in this document.
2. Each team is asked to provide 2 new softballs at game time, per your USA Softball age requirement. Please put your name on it so it may be returned after completion of the game.
3. You are asked to be at the playing field 30 minutes prior to game time, ready to play.
4. There is a 70 minute drop dead time limit for pool play and pool play may end in a tie. Sunday bracket games will be 75 minutes, finish the inning.
5. The 8U division will have a 60-minute time limit drop dead for pool play. Bracket play will be 60 min and finish the inning.
6. The 12 run rule is in effect after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
7. During pool play the home team will be determined by a coin flip at the start of the game. Home team will be the official book. Game start time should be noted in the score book. Please compare score books each half inning to avoid conflicts. Game time starts after the coin flip.
8. This is a non-protest tournament. Disputes must be settled by umpires and the UIC before play resumes.
9. All teams, officials, players, umpires and spectators participating in this tournament do so at their own risk. Tournament officials will not be responsible for any injuries or obligations sustained as a part of this tournament.

10. International tie breaker will go into effect only for championship play.
International tiebreaker rule will be in effect at the end of the inning following the expiration of time or the 7th inning-whichever comes first. In case of weather, the tournament director has the right to determine the final outcome.
11. Tournament seeding will be determined by win/loss record, head to head used when all tied teams played each other, runs allowed, runs scored, and lastly a coin flip.
12. In the first round of Championship play, the highest seeded team in the bracket will be the home team. Home team for the championship game will be determined by a coin flip.
13. There will be Gold & Silver Brackets per age division. This is based on record and depending on the number of teams. 1st and 2nd place medals will be awarded in each age division of each bracket.
14. All equipment including batting helmets must be USA Softball approved. All batting helmets must have a face mask.
15. A continuous batting line up may be used throughout the entire tournament. If you select to use continuous batting, all players in the dugout and on your roster must be in the batting order with any nine girls playing defense. You are free to substitute on defense at any time with continuous batting. Players can be added or removed due to injury, early departure, or late arrival.
16. If you decide to play with nine batters or use a DP/FLEX and not bat continuously once the game begins you are not allowed to switch to continuous. All regular substitutions rules apply. You may play with 7 players (automatic outs once below 9 batters) if you are short on players.
17. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated by coaches, parents or spectators.
18. Umpire decisions are final and binding. No protests will be allowed. Disputes must be settled by umpires before play resumes. Umpires have the right to eject any coach, player, or spectator at their discretion. If anyone is ejected, they must leave the complex/parking lot and may return for the next day. Any ejections can be disputed with the tournament director by a third party. The tournament director will have the last say on the matter.

19. Concessions And T-shirt sales will be available.

10U Only

1. Each team will be allowed 5 runs/inning or 3 outs at which time the teams will alternate offense and defense.
2. During bracket play a time limit of 75 minutes with the clock starting at the conclusion of the plate meeting. International tiebreaker will go into effect only for Sunday championship play.
3. Home plate will be Open
4. Dropped third strike is AN OUT.
5. Run rule 12 after three innings 10 after four innings. 8 after five.

8u Only

1. 8u division will have a 60 minute time limit. Pool Play can end in a tie.
2. Teams bat until 5 runs are scored or 3 outs made. Each coach will be allowed 5 coach pitched balls. An at- bat cannot end in a foul ball.
3. During tournament play the run rule for 8u is if a team is down more than 5 when time limit expires the game is over.