

8U B STATE INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Tournament:	STATE TOURNAMENTS HASTINGS
Entry Fee/Date/Location:	\$275.00 – June 19-21 - Hastings
Sign Up For State at:	ne.registerplay.com or Register Play. Questions email or call the USA Softball of Nebraska state office 402-462-7100 or softball1@playasaball.com
Age and Division:	8U Class B
Registered Teams:	All teams must be USA Softball of Nebraska individually registered and approved team on ne.registerplay.com or Register Play
Complex Gates Open:	The complex will Open 90 minutes before the first game.
Check-in:	One hour before first game. All coaches and assistant coaches must check in at the WEST gate before the first game. All Junior Olympic team personnel assisting in the dugout must wear a wristband issued by USA Softball tournament director that signifies they have been background checked and safesport approved for the current year.
Format:	THREE GAME GUARANTEE BRACKET
GATE:	\$10.00 Adult, Youth 6/18 daily \$5.00; Weekend Pass Adults \$25 youth \$15

11.02 Run Ahead Rule - Will be used in all Championship Tournaments.

Fast Pitch (JO)	Eight (8) runs after Five (5) innings
Fast Pitch -	Ten (10) runs after four (4) innings
Fast Pitch -	Twelve (12) runs after Three (3) innings

11.03 Time Limits (JO) – State & District USA Softball of Nebraska Championships

8-Under B & C	60 minutes
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11.04 Junior Olympic Pitching Distances:

8-Under Coach Pitch	30'
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AWARDS: 1st place rings/necklace/pouch, 2nd and 3rd place medals, 1st place trophy, 2nd place and 3rd place trophy. 1st place championship banner to keep and display on fence.

SOUVENIRS: State Championship shirts and softball wearables for purchase on site by Custom Sports out of Norfolk.

SOFTBALLS: Teams will hit their own softballs. Junior Olympic teams will supply their own 11" optic yellow softball. The ball will be optic yellow and red stitch, 47 COR .375 compression. The standards set in USA Softball. Softballs will be available on site for \$10 a ball.

WATER COOLERS – YOUR TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO BRING TEAM WATER COOLERS OR INDIVIDUAL PLAYER WATER COOLERS INTO THE COMPLEX. WATER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IN THE DUGOUT DUE TO HEALTH CONCERN ISSUES.

Concessions

Complex Rules: **PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR TEAM MEMBERS AND FANS THAT FOOD OR DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE COMPLEX. TAILGATING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE COMPLEX PARKING LOT. PETS are NOT allowed in the complex. NO SKATEBOARDS, HOVER BOARDS, SCOOTERS, MOTORIZED VEHICLES, ROLLERBLADES, BICYCLES.**

Pickup Players: Nebraska Rule Book page 17-18 (7.04)

Advancing Information Teams do not advance from this tournament.

8-Under Rules Below

11.06 8-UNDER COACH PITCH ONLY RULES - Teams will utilize all USA Softball of Nebraska J.O. rules and regulations with the following exceptions:

Flip-Flop Rule: When visitors are ahead by 6 or more runs with less than 10 minutes to play, we will clear the bases and the home team will continue to bat in a new inning for 3 outs or 5 runs whichever is first, the flip-flop rule is mandatory.

Ball: 11” optic yellow with red stitch COR .47 375 compression

Playing Field: Pitching distance 30 ft, and a pitching circle eight (8) ft radius around the pitching plate. Outfield: an area behind a line from the back side of each base from first to second, and from second to third base shall be designed as the outfield.

The Game: Five (5) innings or sixty (60) minutes.

Umpires - There will be one (1) umpire used during the state.

Team: Each team shall have ten (10) players on defense.

Batting Order/Lineup: All players present must bat using a continuous batting order. Players shall be listed by their first and last name in the order in which they will bat.

Base runner: *Each base runner may lead off when the pitched ball leaves pitchers’ hand and the runners are liable to be put out.*

Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner may be put in for the catcher to run. It can be any player on the bench, and it is not considered a substitution. But if the courtesy runner is caught on base and it is their turn to bat, they will be called out and removed from the base to come to bat no other runner can replace the courtesy runner once on the base.

Defensive Positions: Six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders. At the start of each pitch, all outfielders shall be positioned in the outfield, and the player-pitcher shall take a position within the eight (8) ft pitcher’s circle and shall not take a position directly in front of the coach/pitcher.

Outfield: An area 15 feet behind a line from the back side of each base, from first to second, and from second to third base shall be designated as the outfield.

Defensive Position: At the start of each pitch, all outfielders shall be positioned in the outfield.

Coach-Pitcher: Shall be a member of the team's coaching staff and shall pitch the ball in an underhand motion to each batter of his/her team. The coach/pitcher must begin each pitch with at least one foot on the pitching rubber. *The new pitching distance will be 30' and a chalk line is allowed for pitching rubbers.*

Player-Pitcher: Shall be an 8-Under playing member of the team and shall not pitch to the batters.

Coach-Pitcher Interference: The coach-pitcher shall be considered part of the playing field. Exception: In the judgment of the umpire, coach-pitcher interference occurs, the ball will be declared dead. Effect: All runners will return to the last base occupied. Placement of the base runners occupying the same base or base line will be passed on the lead runner unless they are forced to advance by the batter-runner. The umpire may remove the coach-pitcher from the game for repeated offenses after a warning.

Inning: Each team on offense will be allowed five (5) runs or three (3) outs at which time the teams will alternate offense and defense. Balls and Strikes will not be kept or called.

Run Ahead Rule: The game will be called at the end of four innings if one team is ahead by six (6) or more runs.

Tie-Breaker: The Tie Breaker Rule will be used to break ties after five innings or time has expired.

Batter: Each batter will be allowed five pitches to bat the ball in play. A batted foul ball on the fifth, sixth or seventh pitch will give another pitch to batter. Each batter will be allowed a total of eight pitches to bat the ball in play. Each batter that fails to bat the ball in play will be counted as an out, and the next batter in the batting order will take her place at bat.

NOTE:

-A caught foul fly ball will be an out whenever it occurs, including the fifth pitch or any subsequent pitch.

-No Bunting allowed.

-The Designated Player (DP) Rule will NOT be used.

-Infield fly rule: Not in effect.

-Dropped Third Strike: Not in effect.

-Base Stealing: Not allowed including home.

NOTE: Time will be called by the umpire when any infielder including the pitcher has the ball in the infield area (dirt or any other surface).

Overthrow: Batter runners are allowed to advance only one base per pitch on an overthrow and can only score on a batted ball with home plate being closed.

1. B & C Division Rule: A runner attempting to advance to any base they are allowed to advance EFFECT: May be put out while between bases if they advance past home plate, they will be placed back at 3rd base.

2. If a batter strikes out and the ball is dropped by the catcher:
EFFECT: The batter is out, and the ball is dead.

3. Runners can only score on:
a. A batted ball.