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Tournament for Tournament Rules 2025

1. All games will be played under 2025 USA Softball rules except where modified by these rules.
2. See 2025 Norcal USA Softball Tournament 8U rules. [NorCal 8U tournament Rules](#)
3. Each team will play three (3) pool games on Saturday and Sunday is a single elimination bracket play. (4 game guarantee)
1. 75 MINUTE MODIFIED DROP DEAD TIME LIMIT FOR POOL PLAY. TIME STARTS WITH FIRST PITCH. LEGAL OR ILLEGAL. IF AT EXPIRATION OF TIME, GAME IS OVER IF RUN DIFFERENCE IS 5 OR MORE. IF RUN DIFFERENCE IS 4 OR LESS COMPLETE THE INNING. On Saturday pool play, games can end in a tie.

75 MINUTE TIME LIMIT AND RUN RULES IN EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE PLAYOFFS.
NO DROP DEAD IN PLAYOFFS. FINISH THE INNING AT 75 MINUTES.

2. USA Softball tiebreaker will be used on Sunday, after time has expired or after 7 innings, until there is a winner.
3. Run rules: 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.
4. Championship games will be 7 innings long with the same run rule in effect, or no new inning will start after 90 minutes.
5. Game time is forfeit time.
6. There is no infield practice.
7. Team listed first on schedule will occupy the 3rd base dugout. Teams playing back to back games shall remain in the same dugout if they are on the same field.
8. Home team will be determined by a coin toss during Saturday pool play. During elimination play on Sunday, the higher seed will be the home team.
9. **No protests. The umpire's decisions are final.**
10. **Home team will keep score using their own scorebook or App (Game Changer, etc).** At the conclusion of each game, the home team is responsible for reporting the score to the umpire who has the NorCal scorecard and who will make sure the tournament director receives it.

11. All lineup changes must go through the umpire. Continuous batting lineup may be used for Saturday pool play **and** bracket play. DP/Flex may also be used.
12. 10U divisions may field four (4) outfielders.
13. Courtesy runners for pitcher/catcher may be either the last out in the lineup or a substitute off the bench.
14. Sunday seedings will be based on a point system. 10 points for a win, 5 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.
15. If point system results in a tie, seeding for single elimination will be based on the following order:
 - a. Win/Loss Record
 - b. Head to Head Record
 - c. Runs Allowed (RA)
 - d. Runs Scored (RS)
 - e. Coin Toss
16. Game times and fields are subject to change by the tournament director. Be prepared to start game up to fifteen (15) minutes early.
17. Teams will be allowed to bring coolers for the dugout. NO sunflower seeds allowed at any park.
18. No metal cleats allowed (for 14U/16U/18U divisions) on any artificial turf field.

Metal cleats/spikes are not allowed on any field with turf (partial or full). For full grass/dirt fields, metal cleats are only allowed for 14U and above. Should an opposing coach or umpire identify a player wearing metal cleats while at bat or on the base path, they will be called out and instructed to change their shoes. Should the identification occur while the player(s) is on defense, they will be instructed to leave the field and change their shoes and they will not be allowed to return to the field until one additional out has been recorded. The coach may bring in a substitute (following substitution rules) to play defense or they can play shorthanded until the out has been recorded.
19. Dogs are not permitted per park rules.
20. The tournament director at any time has the authority to make the final decision in any dispute and the authority to make changes to benefit and better the tournament.
21. No artificial noisemakers of any kind will be allowed.
- 22. EACH TEAM IS TO PROVIDE A "SERVICABLE " BALL AT THE PLATE MEETING**
23. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST DONATE A TOY OF \$25.00 VALUE OR CASH IN LIEU OF

Due to the number of teams, toy collections will be done before each team's first game on Saturday at your game site tournament director's canopy.

24. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited at the facilities, parking lots, and adjacent areas. It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure that the parents are aware of these rules. Failure to comply with this may result in immediate ejection of the team for the remainder of the tournament and the loss of eligibility for future tournaments.

25. **LASTLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY**, sportsmanship is of the utmost importance. Any player, coach or spectator who exhibits behavior deemed unsportsmanlike by either the umpires or tournament officials may be asked to leave the premises. Failure to comply with these decisions may result in immediate ejection of the team for the remainder of the tournament and the loss of eligibility for future NorCal tournaments.
26. THE PERSON READING THESE RULES FOR THE FIRST TIME IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHARING WITH THE TEAM

USA Softball of Northern California thanks you for attending our tournament and putting the joy for many children's holidays and hope you have a great time!