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Fall Opener / End of Fall Classic Tournament Rules 2024/2025

1. All games will be played under 2024 USA Softball rules except where modified by these rules.
2. See 2024 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)
4. There is a 75 minute *finish the inning* time limit for all games or 7 innings. Time begins at the first warm up pitch.
5. On Saturday pool play, games can end in a tie.
6. USA Softball tiebreaker will be used on Sunday, after time has expired or after 7 innings, until there is a winner.
7. Run rules: 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.
8. Championship games will be 7 innings long with the same run rule in effect, or no new inning will start after 90 minutes.
9. Game time is forfeit time.
10. There is no infield practice.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. **No protests. The umpire's decisions are final.**
14. **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 score papers and who will make sure the tournament director receives it.

15. All lineup changes must go through the umpire. Continuous batting lineup may be used for Saturday pool play & bracket play. DP/Flex may also be used.
16. Courtesy runners for pitcher/catcher may be either the last out in the lineup or a substitute off the bench.
17. 8C & 10C divisions may field 10 players (four outfielders).
18. 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.
19. 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
20. Game times and fields are subject to change by the tournament director.
21. Teams will be allowed to bring coolers for the dugout.
22. Dogs are permitted on leash as per park rules. Please clean up after your pet.
23. 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.
24. No artificial noisemakers of any kind will be allowed.
25. 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.
26. **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.

USA Softball of Northern California thanks you for attending our tournament and hope you have a great time!