

# Tournament Rules

**All USA Softball rules apply with the exception of some host rules listed below. Also listed are some sportsmanship expectations of all participants**

- Only managers are to communicate with umpires. Assistant coaches are not to address the umpires at any point regarding judgment calls. No outside interference from fans will be tolerated. All participants are expected to treat the tournament host, opponents, and umpires with respect. Failure to do so will result in forfeit and possible removal from the event, Head Coaches/Managers if you have a rules interpretation question call the Tournament Director at 609-634-4193
- There are no protests. All umpires calls are final.
- Pool Play Games - All games will be 75 minutes finish the inning, 90 minutes drop dead (score reverts back **only if** the visitor took the lead or tied after 75 minutes and the home team did not complete their at bat and is losing/tied).
- Bracket games - All games will be 80 minutes, finish the inning.
- All teams must be ready to play as early as **25 minutes** before their scheduled start time for all games except the first slot of games each day. Warm up near your upcoming playing field and check in regularly with umpires. Be ready to play! This includes having all pitchers warmed and ready to go. We will not wait for pitchers to warm up. Ground rules will begin at 7:55 am for the first set of games Saturday and Sunday.
- There will not be formal check in. Teams with administrators listed as the point of contact must supply the tournament director the name and cell # of the manager by the Friday before the event. Teams are required to text the site director upon arrival to 609-634-4193. When you check in, state your team name and age bracket, and your full name. Keep copies of team insurance and roster with you at all times. Failure to have proper insurance and/or a legal roster will result in removal/disqualification.
- No team warm ups/ground balls on the infields. No pitcher warm ups in fair territory. Pitchers should be in foul territory away from the base paths. If you want to hit ground balls please do so in front of your dugout in foul territory. If you ignore this rule expect to catch my wrath if I catch you.
- The tournament director reserves the right to alter the schedule in any way due to poor weather or conditions out of our control.
  - \* Weather cancellations - once play begins (break ground rules) it is an official game for umpire purposes. If 3 innings are completed or 60 minutes played, it will be ruled an official game. Any game less than 3 complete innings and 60 minutes played is considered "No Contest" and will not count towards pool play seeding. Canceled pool play games will not be replayed.
  - \* There are no refunds of umpire fees once the game begins.
- Exit the dugout immediately following your game. Post game team huddles following games are only permitted if your team is playing back to back games.
- All games (with the exception of championship games) are Pay at the Plate \$70 cash/exact change.

- Mercy Rules - 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings
- Roster batting is permitted for any game

**All scores must be texted immediately following each game to:  
609-634-4193**

An example of a proper score submission should include the **age group and class**, your **team name** and **runs scored**, your **opponents name** and **runs scored**:

Example submission if your team won - 14B Witches 2, Wildcats 0

Example submission if your team lost – 14B Witches 1, Wildcats 5

**Failure to report scores could result in automatic placement as the lowest seed, or recorded as a 7-0 loss, or disqualification from bracket play. BOTH TEAMS report scores on Saturday, winners on Sunday.**

Tournament Director – Gary Olaff (609) 634-4193