

Eagan Down 'N Dirty Tournament Rules

General

1. This tournament offers berths to the USA Northern Nationals (NAFA), USA Nationals, Monsta Nationals to the two highest placing teams in each bracket ("Gold" and "Silver") that are qualified. These berths are unpaid by our association. Teams have the option to accept or not.

2. We ask teams to register with MN Softball. Out of state teams can bring a printed roster with signatures. In the event of an eligibility protest, you will be required to verify your child is an appropriate age. We accept age verifications submitted via MN Softball, or you can bring your child's birth certificates with you to the tournament.

3. Tournament is pool play on Friday and Saturday, and single elimination bracket play on Sunday. The top two teams from each pool will be seeded into the "Gold" bracket and remaining two teams in the pool will be seeded into the "Silver" bracket. Pool standings will be determined by:

win-loss record

tiebreaker #1 - head-to-head competition

tiebreaker #2 - least runs allowed

tiebreaker #3 - run differential (runs scored versus runs allowed)

tiebreaker #4 - coin toss

4. Games will be seven innings in length with time limits. No new inning will start after 70 minutes, including championship games. Tie-breaker rule will be invoked if the game is tied after regulation innings and time limit has not been reached. Pool play games can end in a tie if time runs out (i.e. 70-minute rule).

5. Run Rule: 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; eight runs after five innings.

6. Pool play games may end in a tie. Bracket games on Sunday will require a winner. Games tied at the end of seven innings or at the end of the time limit will go into the international rule tiebreaker only in bracket games.

7. For pool play, a ball roll or coin flip at home plate determines home and visiting teams in all games. For bracket play, the higher seed will be the home team. Home team will keep the official score book and is responsible for ensuring the umpire has an official score.

8. Any team not on the field and ready to play within five minutes of their game start time will **forfeit the game**, unless there is a previous game delay or other tournament-related delays.
9. All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the tournament director.
10. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, the Tournament Director has the right to adjust the format of this event. All parties will be notified on our website at <https://www.eagansoftball.org/dnd> and via SportsEngine.
11. We will post the bracket pairings for Sunday as soon as we get all of the scores in from the teams in your pool. We will update SportsEngine as soon as we can.
12. Tournament volunteers from Eagan Softball will be available at every site. If there is an urgent issue please call:
 - Tournament Director: Ryan Zeman tournaments@eagansoftball.org
 - Tournament Operations: Katie Braun concessions@eagansoftball.org
 - Eagan Softball President: TJ Fletcher president@eagansoftball.org
13. Eagan Softball provides all game balls.

18U Rules

1. 18U divisions play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc. Teams are allowed to bat their entire lineup. Please communicate your choice at the coaches meeting with the umpire at the beginning of the game.
2. 18U pitching distance will be 43 feet

16U Rules

1. 16U divisions play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc. Teams are allowed to bat their entire lineup. Please communicate your choice at the coaches meeting with the umpire at the beginning of the game.
2. 16U pitching distance will be 43 feet.

14U Rules

1. During pool play, 14U division must bat all players, with open substitution.
2. During bracket play, 14U divisions have the option to play nine batters, DP allowed, substitution rules apply, etc. Teams may choose to bat all players as well. Please communicate your choice at the coaches meeting with the umpire at the beginning of the game.
3. 14U pitching distance will be 43 feet.

12U Rules

1. 12U division must bat all players, with open substitution, during pool play and bracket.
2. 12U pitching distance will be 40 feet.

10U Rules

1. Teams are limited to five runs per inning in both pool and bracket play, including championship games.
2. 10U division must bat all players, with open substitution, during both pool and bracket play.
3. 10U will follow National rules (same as all other age levels) as adopted by the A and B divisions in league play this year.

Pitching distance is 35 feet and they will use an 11-inch ball.

Runners can steal home.

Runners may advance to first on a dropped third strike, unless first base is occupied (sans two outs). Catchers must throw the runner out or tag the runner.

8U Rules

1. Teams are limited to five runs per inning in both pool and bracket play, including championship games. 8U division must bat all players, with open substitution, during both pool and bracket play.