



## 2018 Rancho Roundup Tournament Information

Thank you for participating in the 2018 Rancho Roundup Tournament. Our event offers a four game guarantee with a "plus 1" championship game for the top two teams in each division. There will be 1st and 2nd place trophies for each division as well as Player of the Game medals to be handed out after each of the pool games. This year's event promises to be a fun and competitive start to the All Star season.



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## Rancho Trabuco Girls Softball supports the Spooner Girls Foundation

RTGSA is proud to help raise awareness of the Spooner Girls Foundation and their fight to cure Mitochondrial Complex I Deficiency, a rare genetic disease caused by a mutation of the NUBPL gene. This mutation prevents the mitochondria, the powerhouses inside the body's cells, from producing the energy their cells need to work properly. This results in violent seizures as well as significant cognitive and emotional impairment. Rick and Cristy Spooner have two daughters who lives are affected by this terrible disease. While there is currently no cure, the Spooner Girls Foundation is leading the charge to raise awareness and funds to advance research to defeat this devastating disease.

If you would like to learn more or to see how you can help, please visit their website at [spoonergirls.org](http://spoonergirls.org). All donations are tax deductible and directly fund research into the NUBPL gene. This research may also help provide answers about other conditions associated with this gene, including Parkinson's Disease.



**Alicia Park (William Craycraft Park) - 23650 Via Linda, Mission Viejo, CA 92691**



## **Rules and Guidelines**

**Please check in at least one hour prior to your first game at whichever field you play at first and bring your official team roster form, birth certificates or USA Softball Player Cards, and proof of league/team insurance.**

**Game schedules and scores will be posted at [rtgsa.org](http://rtgsa.org) and at each venue.**

**Team listed first will occupy the third base dugout.**

**The home team in each game is the official scorekeeper. Home team will be determined by a coin toss at the plate meeting before the game.**

**The umpire will have a game card to report game scores to the tournament director. Each team should verify the accuracy of this card, along with the official scorekeeper.**

**All 8U games are 6 innings unless time limits described below are reached. All other games are 7 inning games unless time limits described below are reached.**

**All pool games are 1:20 drop dead.**

**In the event of reaching drop dead, score will revert to last completed inning unless the home team has tied or taken the lead in the inning when time is called. Games may end in a tie. The schedule is tight, so please clear the fields/dugouts as quickly as possible after the game. Please arrange with the opposing coach to do the Player of the Game medal ceremony off the field so we can get the field ready for the next game.**

In the "plus 1" Championship game, no new inning will start after 1:30 minutes and Tie Breaker Rule will be used if tied after regulation.

In each division, after the four round robin games, the teams with the top two records will play in the "plus 1" Championship game.

Records will be determined by:

- 1) Win/Loss Record
- 2) Head to Head
- 3) Least Runs Allowed
- 4) Most Runs Scored
- 5) Combined Record of Opponents
- 6) Coin Flip

USA Softball Run Ahead Rule is in effect: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5.

There are no protests. All umpire decisions are final.

Managers and coaches are responsible for their team, staff and fans both on and off the field. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated. Improper conduct may result in ejections and team disqualification.

Games will be played under USA Softball rules except for the following:

- 1) Time limits mentioned above
- 2) Run limits: 8U = 4 runs per inning; 10U = 5 runs per inning; 12U = 6 runs per inning.
- 3) All games are round robin batting only. No DP/Flex. Free substitutions on defense.
- 4) Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher of record. Last recorded outs are used for courtesy runners. Also, an injured player may get a courtesy runner once. If she needs to leave the bases a second time an out will be recorded and she cannot return to that game.

8U Modified Rules

- 1) No dropped third strike
- 2) No infield fly rule
- 3) Base Stealing - One base per pitch. No stealing home (home plate is frozen).
- 4) No coach pitch. Walks are allowed.
- 5) Teams may play with four outfielders.