



GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

TOURNAMENT RULES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- No outside food or drink allowed. Only plain water will be allowed on the turf. No gum, no seeds, no Gatorade on the fields, ever.
- **No metal cleats are allowed in the dome.** Plastic or rubber cleats are allowed
- Zero tolerance for any abusive language to any umpire or tournament official. You will be asked to leave the premises.
- All calls during pool play are final and cannot be disputed.
- Any dispute of rules during bracket play should be brought to the umpire and if the dispute can't be resolved by umpire the game will continue as the tournament director are contacted to resolve the dispute.
- Spectators may view games from the upstairs balcony, or on the field. If your games are on field 2, or if you would prefer to sit behind center field of field 1, then please bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

POOL AND BRACKET FORMAT

- 2 game tournament pool play format with single elimination bracket play. Including consolation games based off losing teams per round. 4 games guaranteed
- One ump for all games except championship game, 2 umps.
- All game times are 75 drop dead timed, finish current batter, if game is tied and is a Bracket game, finish the inning and go to tie breaker format.
- If overall tournament schedule is running behind game times may be reduced.
- **Run Ahead Rule:** 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings. If a game should end early, the next teams should be prepared to start early
- Games can start up to 15 minutes early from the stated start time.
- Home team determined by coin flip.
- Game time starts as soon as the pre-game meeting concludes.
- Pool play games can end in a tie.
- Bracket play games will tie breaker.
 - Last out starts at second base
 - Team starts with one out
- Teams should not purposely delay games in order to preserve a lead.
- **Pool seeding:**
 - Best Record
 - Head to Head
 - Least runs allowed
 - Run differential (maximum of 7 runs per game),
 - Coin Flip

WARM-UP

- Pregame practice space may be limited due to Sparta Dome event schedule. Please check with tournament director day of event.



- Cages will be available one hour before first game.
Batting cage use is complimentary during game times on a first come, first serve basis. Please be respectful.
- Please be courteous and share the warm-up space evenly.
- Please use spotters to protect teams from ongoing games.

FIELD OF PLAY

- A. **No metal cleats are allowed in the dome.** Plastic or rubber cleats are allowed.
- B. Balls hitting the ceiling in play will be played live unless the plate umpire determines the ball should be ruled a dead ball foul ball due to the flight path of the ball being significantly altered. This is an umpire's judgment call and can't be disputed.
- C. Balls hitting dome out of play will be ruled a dead ball foul ball.
- D. 10U will pitch at 35 feet, 12U at 40 feet, and 14U and HS at 43 feet.
- E. Any ball that goes under the outfield fencing will be rule a ground rule double.
- F. G. Bases awarded on past balls that go out of play will be at the judgment of umpire.
- G. All spectators need to be aware of game play at all times.