



## **2025 Cool Breeze Tournament Rules**

Current USA Softball fastpitch softball rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated below. Participation is limited to registered USA Softball Rec B and C All-Star Teams.

### **Robb Field (2525 Bacon Street, San Diego CA 92107):**

- All games will be played at Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street, San Diego CA 92107.
- Robb Field rules and regulations must be followed at all times, including (1) no overnight parking, (2) no smoking, and (3) pets must be leashed at all times.
- No parking in designated umpire or tournament personnel parking areas/spaces.

### **Check-In:**

- Check-in table is near Field 6 and the Snack Shack.
- All players must be fully registered in the USA Softball system prior to the tournament.
- Each team must present at check-in:
  - a. USA Softball Official Championship Roster (Liability Waiver).
  - b. USA softball ID card or screenshot of USA softball homepage (with check marks for background check, safesport, ACE training, and children's birth certificates).
  - c. Proof of Insurance.
  - d. Concussion certificates for 2 coaches.
  - e. Contact information for manager (phone & email).
  - f. Team name on GameChanger.
- Rosters are limited to 15 players. No player may be added after the start of the first game. No player may be on the roster of more than one team.

### **Warm-Up Areas & Dugout Assignments:**

- Teams must be at the field and ready to play **10 minutes before game time**.
- Forfeit Time: Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall forfeit 7-0, with the exception of field logistics at the discretion of the Tournament Director (e.g., back-to-back games on different fields).
- No infield practice is permitted at any time on any tournament field. Immediate pre-game warm-up (i.e., after taking the dugout) is permitted in infield foul territory and outfield.
- **Dugout Assignments:** the team listed first/top on the schedule occupies the 1B dugout.  
Exception: Teams playing back-to-back games on the same field keep their dugout.
- **Home team during Pool Play** is decided by coin toss. A representative from each team must be present. The Umpire will toss the coin. The team in the 3B dugout calls the toss.

\*\*To accommodate a tight game schedule and allow field prep time, please clear out your dugout promptly, taking all trash with you. Thank you in advance.\*\*

## Scorekeeping, Lineups & Score Reporting

- Official Scorekeeper: a representative of the home team who is not a manager or coach. S/he will keep the score outside of the fenced field area and near the Umpire. S/he is not to mention any rule violation (batting out of order, etc.) unless asked by the Umpire.
- Official Scorekeeper to use GameChanger.
- Line-ups must be given to the Official Scorekeeper at least **10 mins before game time**.
  - 10U, 12U, and 14U may bat everyone or follow USA Softball rules (bat nine, use DP/ FLEX and/or EP).
    - 8U must bat-around.
- Courtesy runners in 10u/12u/14u must follow USA Softball. For teams batting around in pool play or bracket play, they may follow the Section 10.C Exception (any player but if on base when it's their time to bat, they are out and need to bat). Courtesy runners may not run for both the pitcher and the catcher at any time in the game.
- The Umpire shall report the final score to the Tournament Director (or TD's designee). A game score is final once the Umpire reports it to the TD/designee.
- Managers are advised to confirm the game score when signing the Umpire's scorecard at the end of each game. If a manager fails to sign the scorecard, the game score still becomes final when reported by the Umpire to the TD/designee.

## Time & Run Limits

- **Run Limit:** 6 runs/inning for 12U/14U, 5 runs/inning for 10U, 4 runs/inning for 8U. No open innings.
- **Inning Limits:** 6 innings for all divisions, plus any ITB inning(s) in Bracket Play or Championship Games.
- No new inning after 1:20 in all games. No drop dead. However, any time after the no new inning time, the game ends if:
  - Either team is ahead by 7 or more runs for 12U/14U, 6 or more runs for 10U, or 5 or more runs for 8U; or
  - If the home team is batting and is ahead.
  - In these two instances, the score when the Umpire calls the game is the final score.
- USA Softball Run-Ahead Rule also applies (15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5).
- **Ties and ITB.** Pool games may end in a tie. Bracket games cannot end in a tie. ITB for all new innings started after the 1:20 no new time in bracket play. The player scheduled to bat last in that ITB half-inning is placed on second base.

## Modified 8u Rules

- No Infield Fly Rule; no hot plate; no dropped third strike.
- Only 1 stolen base per base runner per pitch
- Must bat around, may play 10 in the field, with a minimum of 3 outfielders. The rover may be played within a 5ft radius of second base.
- All outfielders must be on the grass or at least 10 feet behind the base path when the pitch is delivered.

## Bracket Play

- **Seeding** for Bracket Play is determined by pool play results, in this order:
  - a. Win Percentage
  - b. Head-to-Head
  - c. Fewest runs Allowed
  - d. Most runs Scored
  - e. Coin Toss
- **Home team** in Bracket Play is decided by (a) seed, (b) win percentage, then (c) coin toss.
- Team listed first/top on the schedule occupies the 1B dugout (same as Pool Play).

**Conduct Rules:**

- **No Protests.** Umpire has the final say. Set a good example for your players.
- Unsportsmanlike play, comments, or conduct will not be tolerated and is grounds for IMMEDIATE removal from the field, dugout, bleachers, and/or surrounding fence area of that playing field.
- A second incident may result in a forfeit by either or both teams at the discretion of the Umpire or the Tournament Director (or TD's designee).
- Any violation of the conduct rules by a parent or fan may also result in the IMMEDIATE removal of the team's manager at the discretion of the game umpire or the Tournament Director (or TD's designee).
- Speakers are allowed, but: Walk-up music must end before the pitcher comes set. If both teams have speakers, between-inning music is DJ'd by the team taking the field to pitch. No dueling speakers. No other artificial noise-making devices (vuvuzelas, cowbells, etc.). If the Umpire says no music, then no music. See "No Protests" above.

Enjoy the Cool Breeze!

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