

# TOURNAMENT RULES



# SUMMER FUN KICK-OFF

**The tournament will follow the USA Softball Rules with the following modifications:**

- ⌚ Bats and helmets must be placed outside the dugout (on the field) before each game for inspection.
- ⌚ You may bat the roster. Free substitutions will be allowed during pool play only. If teams are using more than 9 batters and a player is injured, they can collapse the lineup to avoid taking the out. Standard lineup rules apply if using 9 or less. *Otherwise normal USA Softball substitution rules apply.*

- ⌚ All teams must be ready to begin their games as early as 15 minutes ahead of the time designated on the schedule.
- ⌚ A double coin toss at the plate talk will determine the home and away team for all games.
- ⌚ All games will have a time limit: 1 hour and 20 minutes and finish the inning.

- ⌚ No tied games; international tie-breaker after time or 7 innings. In the first inning of the international tiebreaker, a runner will start on 2nd base, any inning after a runner will start on both 2nd and 3rd base.

- ⌚ Seeding will be based on Wins, Loses, Head to Head, Runs Allowed, and then Runs Scored.

- ⌚ Coaches, managers, players, and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship on and off the playing field. Unsportsmanlike behavior may be grounds for removal from the tournament. Any ejected coach, manager, player, or spectator must remain out of sight and sound for the remainder of the game, plus one additional game for the team they are representing.

- ⌚ Please use whiffle balls only when soft-tossing against the fences. Ground balls may be taken along the sidelines before the game starts. Please be careful of staff prepping the fields.

Any questions about a rule or situation, please contact the Tournament Director or Umpire-in-Chief as soon as possible. The Tournament Director will have the final say in all disputes.

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