

WEST SENECA GIRLS SOFTBALL 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

The format shall be round robin into the pool elimination round. There is a four (4) game guarantee. In case of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to change tournament format as well as guaranteed number of games.

1. Ages: 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 under as of January 1st, 2017. Open group has no age restrictions.
2. NSA official rules will apply except where noted otherwise. Protests are to be resolved at the time of the protest. Chief Umpire will make final decision on protests.
3. Rosters & Insurance Certificates are to be submitted at least ½ hour prior to a team's first game. Birth dates, players' names and uniform number are to be included on each roster; birth certificates must be available upon request. **Each team must supply a phone number where the head coach or his representative may be contacted in case of last minute schedule changes.**
4. Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
5. Home team will be determined by coin flip. The home team will be the official scorer. In elimination rounds, the higher seed will have a choice of being home or away team.
6. **Final scores are to be reported by both teams to the scorer's table after each game**
7. Diamonds are not to be used for infield or batting practice before games.
No hitting (soft toss) into fences
8. Games are scheduled for 7 inning except:
 - a. No new inning to start after 1:30 minutes of play.
 - b. Ties will count for round robin play, Mercy rule in accordance to NSA rules:
 - i. 12 runs after 3 innings
 - ii. 10 runs after 4 innings
 - iii. 8 runs after 5 innings
 - c. For elimination games no new inning after 1:30, after time limit or 7 inning, international tie breaker will go in effect.
 - d. We will use a point system to determine seedings for elimination, wins = 2 points, ties = 1 point, loss = 0 points
9. Round Robin standings will be determined by:
 - a. Highest Point Total
 - b. Least amount of runs allowed
 - c. Head to head, if all teams tied played against each other
 - d. Coin flip/ draw straws
10. All teams advance to the playoff round in accordance to assigned schedules. All 4th Games will be played on Sunday, number of teams will determine elimination schedule.

11. Semi Final and Championship games will have **2 hour time limits**; after time limit or 7 innings, international tie breaker will go in effect. Mercy rules will remain in effect.
12. Each team is responsible for their own insurance; neither WSGSA nor the Town of West Seneca assumes any responsibility for accidents or injuries.
13. Any team having to forfeit in the round robin play, will be charged with a 7-0 loss.
14. **In the event an uneven number of teams are registered for the tournament, in order to schedule evenly, a host (West Seneca Magic) team will only be scheduled 2 round robin play games and will be credited with a tie for their 3rd game, the runs for and against for the tie will be an average for the two games they played.**
15. Players are limited to playing for only one team in any age group throughout the tournament.
16. Game balls will be provided; they are to be returned to the concession stands after the completion of each game.
17. Rosters are limited to fifteen (15) players. (Except the Open age group where there is no limit to roster, however a player may not be added after the first pitch of the first game)
18. Steel/Metal spikes allowed in ages 14U, 16U, 18U and Open age groups
19. WSGSA tournament directors reserve the right to change rules as required.
20. In the event of shortening of the Tournament due to unforeseen circumstances: The final standings will be awarded as follows: the highest remaining seed will be declared Champions, the second highest remaining seed will be declared runner-up. Under no circumstances will the tournament be extended past Sunday.
21. For 10U Silver Division we will use Metro 10U B division rules. No dropped third strike, no infield fly and no stealing home.
22. Game scores and final seeding will be posted on tourneymachine.com - per the link sent to all head coaches.
23. Coaches/ Managers will be responsible to check at tournament link for their seedings / game times for elimination rounds.