



## Tournament Rules

### Aviso Viejo Girls Softball

### 2017 Battle by the Beach

#### **1. CHECK-IN**

- A. Check-in at the field where the first game is scheduled at least 60 minutes prior to first game.
- B. Bring your completed roster and one of the following for every player:
  - I. 2017 picture ASA card (*prior years are not acceptable*); **OR**
  - II. Copy of birth certificate, **player photo** and 2016 non-photo ASA player card; **OR**
  - III. Copy of birth certificate, **player photo** and copy of receipt for 2016 ASA player card which has not arrived. We must verify they have registered with ASA.
- C. Proof of league insurance is required for all teams.
- D. No exceptions will be made for any player. Rosters are limited to fifteen (15) players. No player may be added after the start of the first game. No travel players allowed.
- E. Fielding an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of games played and possible disqualification from the tournament with loss of registration fee.
- F. Packets will be distributed at check-in which includes pins for each player, player of the game medals, field information, and any other pertinent information.

#### **2. GROUND RULES**

- A. There are no protests allowed in this tournament.
- B. Metal cleats are NOT ALLOWED except for 14u.
- C. Game balls are provided and bases are 60 feet.
- D. No artificial noisemakers allowed.
- E. No more than four (4) adults allowed in the dugout during the game.
- F. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout after each game.
- G. Each team is responsible for providing their own scorekeeper and scorebook. The home team is the official scorekeeper.
- H. Home team will be determined by a coin flip at the plate meeting for all games.
- I. The team listed on the top of the bracket or first in pool play shall occupy the third base dugout. The only exception is for teams playing back-to-back games on the same field may stay in the same dugout.
- J. Alcoholic beverages in any form are prohibited at all fields and in parking lots.
- K. Playing Rules: 2017 ASA/USA SOFTBALL rules are in effect with the following modifications clarified below.

#### **3. GAME TIME AND RUN RULES**

- A. Pool play games **1hr 20 minutes DROP (Revert back rule) or six full innings**. If the home team is ahead or tied at the drop dead time, the game will end and the score at the drop dead time will stand.
- B. All Elimination Games will be **1hr 20 minutes No New inning (Must Have a Winner)**.
- C. Championship game: **8u – 6 innings OR 1:40 no new. All Other Divisions - No time limit play full 6 innings**.
- D. Pool play games may end in a tie.
- E. Elimination games must have a winner. ASA Tie Breaker Rules will be used if needed (ITB).
- F. Mercy Rule: 15 after 3; 12 after 4, 8 after 5. In effect all tournament long.
- G. Run limits:
  - I. Pool Play and Elimination run limits:

- i. First 4 innings: 4 runs for 8U; 5 runs for all other divisions.
  - ii. Top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning and on will be unlimited.
- II. Championship Games: First 4 innings: 4 run max (8U), 5 run max (all other divisions), 5<sup>th</sup> inning on is unlimited.
- H. Weather/Game Cancelation/Game Suspension – In the event that a game cannot be continued due to weather or any other reason outside the control of AVGS, games may be canceled and will not be rescheduled.
  - I. POOL PLAY – At the time of suspension/cancellation, if the game has completed at least 4 innings, the score at the completion of the last inning shall stand. If the game is suspended/canceled prior to the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the result of the game shall be a tie (0-0) and a single point awarded to each team.
  - II. BRACKET PLAY – At the time of suspension/cancellation, if the game has completed at least 4 innings, the score at the completion of the last inning shall stand. If the game is suspended/canceled prior to the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, all tournament game play will be suspended until at which time the games can be continued where they left off, or the tournament has been called off. In the event of a tournament being called off, tournament placings will not be made and awards not given out.
  - III. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY
    - i. Game suspension – Suspended games will be continued where they left off when the decision is made to continue tournament game play.
    - ii. Game Cancelation - At the time of cancelation, if the game has completed at least 4 innings, the score at the completion last inning shall stand and the champion declared. If the game is canceled prior to the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the result of the game will be determined by each teams Pool Play results and the champion declared. The tie breaker sequence will be, HEAD to HEAD, POINTS, RUNS ALLOWED, RUNS SCORED. In the event of a tie from the above tie breaker sequence, both teams will be declared CO-CHAMPIONS and a coin flip will determine which team receives the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies.

#### **4. SPECIAL PLAYING RULES**

- A. For ALL 10U, 12U, and 14U Divisions, teams will have the choice to: bat nine, nine with DP/Flex, or round robin. 8U Divisions will bat round robin for all games (pool, bracket, and championship games).
- B. Pool Play Tie Breakers:
  - I. Any game may end in a tie and the score recorded as such. The following order will be used for seeding: points (2 for a win, 1 for a tie), head-to-head, fewest runs allowed, most runs scored, coin toss. The coin toss will be overseen by the Tournament Director, the Tournament UIC or an Executive Board Member at the field. The winner of the coin toss may not choose; they are the higher seed by virtue of winning the coin toss.
- C. Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher of record when batting round robin. The last out shall be used as the courtesy runner. If a courtesy runner is to be used in the first inning and there are no outs, the courtesy runner shall be the last batter in the lineup.
- D. Manager, Coach, and Crowd Etiquette.
  - a. Managers and coaches are responsible for their team, staff, and fans both on and off field throughout the tournament.
  - b. Parents and fans are encouraged to cheer and support their players and team, but do not coach from the stands please.
  - c. No loud artificial or other noise making devices shall be allowed on or near any playing field.
  - d. No attempts to distract the pitcher or catcher will be allowed and is subject to ejection per home plate umpires discretion.
  - e. Unruly behavior, vandalism, destruction of property or similar activities will not be tolerated.
  - f. Improper conduct during games or anywhere on the premises may result in team disqualification from the tournament.

- E. NO ALCOHOLIC beverages of any kind allowed on the premises or in the parking lots.
- F. Umpires reserve the right to control the game both on and off the field and have the authority to remove fans and spectators from the stands and within sight or sound of the field if the need arises. If the fan or spectator fails to leave the premises when asked to do so, their team could forfeit the game and the team runs the risk of being disqualified from further play in the tournament.

## **5. 8U SPECIFIC RULES**

- A. Teams will field 10 defensive players. Outfielders must stay on the grass until the pitched ball crosses the plate.
- B. No dropped 3rd strike. No Infield Fly rule.
- C. Stealing: One base per pitch. A runner can be put out if she attempts to steal past one base. Should she reach the second stolen base safely, play stops and she will be returned back to the prior base. Home is closed for stealing. A walked batter may not proceed beyond first base on the same pitch that they were walked on (no continuation play). A play at another base does not release a runner to steal more than one base per pitch.
- D. Free substitution of all players for all positions while on defense, excluding the pitcher (pitchers can only re-enter once back into the pitcher position).

**Be sure to check the websites ([www.alisoviejogirlssoftball.com](http://www.alisoviejogirlssoftball.com)) throughout the tournament for updated pool and bracket results.**

Thank you for participating in and showing great sportsmanship during the Battle by the Beach Tournament!