

**La Mirada Girls Softball Association
2017 Toy Drive Tournament Rules**

Check in at Behringer at least one hour before your first game.

- Rosters and ASA Picture Cards or Birth Certificates, pictures, & ASA (USA) cards, and medical insurance cards are required at check in. No changes to rosters after rosters have been submitted 12/10. ASA (USA) card does qualify as a medical card.
- Max of 14 players on each team's roster.
- If there is a rainout and tournament can't be played 75% of registration fee will be returned, tournament fee is nonrefundable after first game.
- Pool play games that are rained out will be scored as a 0-0 tie.
- For each player bring proof of insurance (current USA card or personal medical insurance cards) official picture or school ID and birth certificate along with \$10 toy. Must have a toy for each player or pay \$10 for each player without a toy before you can be officially checked in. **15 players max per roster.**
- Signed waiver is required at check-in.
- All USA rules of eligibility apply to this tournament for "B" Recreation League.
- No infield practice on fields at any time. Teams may use the dirt between the dugout and the foul lines to warm up prior to their game.
- \$50 cash only protest fee. Coach must say they are protesting and pay \$50 before the next pitch. Umpire will give coach one minute to pay fee. Time will be noted in official scorebook. If the next pitch occurs and the fee has not been paid, then no action will be taken and no reversal will occur. A manager must site the exact rule and page in the book that they think the umpire has violated. Umpire judgement calls cannot be protested. Fee will only be refunded upon reversal only. Any protest will be judged by either the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, or Tournament UIC from the 2017 USA Rule Book.
- 3 game guarantee for each team unless they are rained out.
- Home team is responsible for official score keeper. Score book must be submitted for review if requested by an LMGSA tournament official.
- Team listed first is in the 1st base dugout. Unless already playing on field.
- Umpires are responsible for turning in the official scorecards at the end of each game.
- Tournament record tie-breaker:
 1. Head to head
 2. Fewest runs allowed (for tournament)
 3. Most runs scored (for tournament)
 4. Run differential
 5. Coin flip
- A tie in pool play will stand as a tie. A tie in bracket play, after time limit or 7 innings (6 innings for 8u and 5 innings for 6u) will move to the International Tie Breaker.
- All games and divisions MUST bat round robin batting, everyone on the roster must hit.
- In 12U and 14U everyone on roster must bat round robin. Elimination and Championship Games have choice of round robin or 9 with DP Flex. One team can do Round Robin and other 9 with DP Flex.
- All Pool Play games are "Drop Dead" at 1 hr. 15 min and can end in a tie. Score will revert to the last complete inning unless home team is at bat and is ahead or Tied at drop dead time. 1:10 min drop dead limit for 6U pool play games and 1:15 no new in bracket play.
- Elimination games are no new inning after 1 hr. 15 min.
- Championship games are 7 innings in 10U, 12U, & 14U, and 6 innings in 8U. – No time limit 6U Championship will be 5 innings or 1:20 minute no new time limit.
- No alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, vape devices, pipes, or other smoke and tobacco products are allowed at or on the fields or parking lots at any time.
- No artificial noisemakers, amplification devices, radios, or music players of any kind are allowed.
- There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for any unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Tournament Director reserves to change/modify rules and schedules as needed.
- NO PARKING ALLOWED ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS!
- NO VEHICLES MAY TAKE MORE THAN 1 PARKING SPACE IN THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE SOFTBALL FIELDS (NO RV'S or TRAILERS ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOT).
- COMPACT CARS IN COMPACT STALLS ONLY. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED!

Sportsmanship:

1. Team manager is responsible and must have control of their players, coaches, parents and team followers at all times including on and off the field of play.
2. Any fan or coach ejected from a game will be suspended at minimum the next game as well.
3. USA rules of conduct will be enforced throughout entire tournament.
4. Umpires and/or tournament representatives shall have the responsibility and authority to eject any team or personnel for any violation of these rules.

10U, 12U & 14U TOURNAMENT RULES:

All ASA Junior Olympic rules will be followed per the 2017 USA Rule Book with the only exception being the game times, and Round Robin Batting.

8U TOURNAMENT RULES:

All ASA Junior Olympic rules will be followed per the 2017 USA Rule Book with the following exceptions:

1. Round robin batting in all games including elimination & championship games.
2. Five (5) run limit (extend lead) per inning in pool play and elimination games. No run limit in the championship game.
3. Pitching distance is 30 feet.
4. Bases are 60 feet.
5. 10" RIF (Reduced Injury Factor) ball will be used.
6. Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher (last out) with one or more outs in an inning.

USA RULES EMPHASIZED:

7. A runner may not steal home on a pitch at any time. Runners may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
8. A play at a base during a steal, an attempted pick off, or an overthrow to the pitcher does not release the runner from third base.
9. Runners on first and second base may steal only one (1) base per pitch.
10. Overthrows by the catcher to the pitcher or to the bases do not result in additional bases by the runners.
11. A runner in sole possession of an illegally stolen base shall be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out when all other play has stopped. A runner standing on an illegal base cannot be tagged out. A runner not standing on a base can be tagged out.
12. No dropped third strike. No infield fly rule.
13. Home plate is closed.

LINE UP CARDS, SUBSTITUTIONS, & FIELD POSITIONS:

14. A team must bat with at least 9 players in the lineup to avoid the "short-handed" rule penalty.
15. Short-handed rule: A team may start with 8 players but when another player arrives, they must insert that player into the lineup in the ninth batting position. An out will be called each time the ninth position in the batting order appears until a ninth player arrives and is entered. If a tenth player arrives, that player must be inserted in the tenth spot in the lineup. Subsequent arrivals must be listed in order of arrival up to the maximum of 14 players on the lineup card.
16. A team may have between 9 and 14 batters and no more than 10 fielders.
17. All batters must bat and run for themselves unless injured. If a batter or runner becomes injured and cannot complete their turn at bat or time on the bases, a courtesy player will be allowed to finish the at bat or time as a runner for that half inning only.
18. When all play has stopped, the team member who is scheduled to bat ninth after the injured player will be the courtesy player. Any batter or base runner that must use a courtesy player a second time due to injury will be removed from the game for safety purposes. When that player misses the next at bat, an out will be declared for that time only.
19. A player may be used as a courtesy player only one per inning.

20. On defense, no more than 6 players including the pitcher can be positioned in front of the base line until the ball is hit.
21. No player except the pitcher shall start in a defensive position closer than 25 feet to the front of home plate.
22. An unlimited number of “free” substitutions are allowed at anytime during a dead ball situation, while on defense, unless the umpire feels it is an attempt to stall the game.

6U TOURNAMENT RULES

General Information

6U Tournament games.

- 1 Each team will play 3 games during the weekend weather permitting. At least (2) on Friday/Saturday, (1) on Sunday
- 2 Games will be played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 3 All coaches and family members are encouraged to cheer for both teams playing and to thank the umpire.
- 4 Trophies will be provided to each girl on 1st and 2nd place team, other teams will receive medals.
- 5 No girl shall sit consecutive innings.
- 6 There will be official umpires for all games.
- 7 Every player must bat in the lineup (round robin)

Game Time

- 8 **1:10 . drop dead for pool play games, 1:15 in bracket play or 5 innings, championship game 1:20 no new inning.**
- 9 5 run or 5 up per inning (extend lead).
- 10 A coin-flip before the game determines home and visitor until bracket play. During bracket play higher seed will have the option to be the visiting or the home team.
- 11 Home Team is official score keeper

General Rules

- 12 Coach pitching distance is 30 feet from home plate. (Coach can pitch from anywhere in the circle)
- 13 Bases will be 60 feet apart.
- 14 The first team listed on the schedule will take the 1st base side dugout.
- 15 A 10” Worth RIF Level 1 ball will be used.

Offensive Rules

- 16 There may be two adult offensive coaches, one at the first base coaching box, and one at the third base coaching box, in addition to the adult pitcher. All other coaches must be in the dugout.
- 17 Each batter receives up to a maximum of 5 pitches (unlimited foul ball) from a coach. Three strikes and they are out. A batter can look at a pitch. The umpire will determine if it is a strike or ball.
- 18 If a batted ball hits the adult pitcher, the ball is dead and the batter will be allowed an extra pitch/swing. (Pitch does not count)
- 19 There is no bunting allowed.
- 20 There will be a 15-foot arc in front of home plate extending from the first base line to third base line. A hit ball that does not pass this line is considered a foul ball.
- 21 No base stealing is allowed. All base runners must remain on the bases until the ball is hit. If a runner is off base when the ball is hit, the ball is dead, the runner returns to base, and batter bats again
- 22 Umpire will determine if an overthrown ball has gone past the foul ball boundary lines at which point if a runner has already passed the halfway line to the next base, then they can advance to that base. A runner will be awarded no more than 1 base on an overthrow.
- 23 Round robin batting order must be used in the 6U division. There will be no 9th batter rule.

Defensive Rules

- 24 The player playing the pitcher shall stand anywhere behind the pitching rubber with at least one foot in the circle while the adult pitcher is pitching.

- 25 A base runner is to stop when the ball is either returned to, enters, crosses, or attempted to be thrown into the pitcher's circle. If the runner has already passed the halfway line they will be awarded the next base.
- 26 No more than 10 players will be allowed on the field at one time.
- 27 With 10 players field there must be 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be at least 10ft behind bases.
- 28 Teams will switch sides after 3 outs or maximum runs allowed have occurred.
- 29 Infield Fly rule will not be in effect in 6U.
- 30 No defensive player (except the catcher) will be closer to the batter than that pitcher.
- 31 No coaches will be permitted in the outfield but may coach from the sideline on their side of the field.
- 32 Coaches will be limited to one time out per an inning, unless for injury.