

## 2018 TOURNAMENT RULES

### Revision 1 – 03/17/18



1. Unless otherwise noted, tournament rules shall follow the *Official Rules of Softball Participation Manual* as published by USA Softball (Latest edition); All bats must be USA Softball approved. Umpires will check bats prior to games.
2. All teams must have insurance through USA Softball or other governing softball organization. (Must be USA softball registered for an USA sanctioned tournament.)
3. Entry fee is \$300 per team and is due no later than May 10, 2018. Unpaid slots will be offered to teams on the waiting list if payment is not received by the deadline. Early registration is encouraged as tournament spots within each division will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.
4. There is a 3 game guarantee consisting of at least 2 pool play games on Friday and Saturday and at least 1 game in tournament play on Sunday (single elimination). Depending on the number of teams in each division and the availability of fields, teams may end up playing 3 pool play games.
5. USA Softball Certified umpires will officiate all games. Umpires decisions are final. Protests will not be tolerated.
6. The home team must provide the official score keeper.
7. **Time Limit:** 7 innings or 80 minutes (whichever comes first); Time limit shall apply to all games except the championship *game*. *Championship games will be 7 innings or run rule, whichever comes first. Per Rule 5, Section 10 of the USA Softball Rules*, in games where the time limit applies (all games except championship games), the time limits will be 1-hour and 20 minutes and finish the inning and then play one more complete inning, or half inning if the home team is ahead.
8. Pool games (Saturday) can end in a tie if time is expired or 7 complete innings have been played. International tie-breaker rules will be used in tournament play (Sunday).
9. “Home” team will be determined by a coin toss 5 minutes before the game starts for pool play. For tournament play, the higher ranked seed shall be the home team.
10. RUN RULE: 15 after 3 innings; 12 after 4 innings; and 8 after 5 innings. Run rule applies to both pool and tournament games including championship.
11. *Per Rule 7, Section 2F:* JO Fast Pitch Pool Play: Nine defensive players will bat or teams will have the following options:

- Bat nine players without the DP/Flex;
- Bat nine players and use the DP/Flex;
- Bat up to and including all roster players without a DP/Flex; or
- Bat up to and including all roster players with the DP/Flex.

Notes:

- Players not listed in a defensive position will be listed as an EP;
  - EPs will be listed beginning in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot of the batting order;
  - When not using the DP/Flex any 9 can play defense;
  - When using the DP/Flex any 8 and the FLEX can play defense;
  - The Batting order will always remain fixed;
  - Any player may be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher;
  - Any player can be used as a pinch runner for an injured player;
  - If a player is on base when it is their time to bat;
    - They will be removed from the base and take their turn at bat.
    - The person who they are running for will be called out.
  - When only batting nine defensive players or using the DP/FLEX, if an injured player is not able to bat an out will be recorded for their turn at bat unless the team has a substitute not already in the batting order that can take their place.
  - When batting more than nine defensive player and have no available substitutes... If an injured player is not able to bat in their place in the batting order, the batting order will be compressed to the number of batters in the batting order less the injured player with no out recorded for the **injured** player unable to bat.
12. The winning team is responsible for reporting the final score to Tournament Headquarters (at the softball complex) immediately after the game. Not reporting the score will result in a 0-0 tie being recorded.
  13. Coaches are responsible for regularly monitoring tournament bracket boards for changes in game times or locations.
  14. Results from pool play (Friday and Saturday) will determine seeding into Sunday's single elimination tournament. In the event of a tie in pool, seeding will be based on the following:
    - a. Winning Percentage
    - b. Head to head score
    - c. Runs differential (15 max per game)
    - d. Runs allowed
    - e. Coin flip
  15. In case of rain, tournament director may change the format and/or number of games in order to complete the tournament.

16. If tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, all but \$50 of the entry fee will be refunded.
17. Each team shall maintain a first aid kit in the dugout when playing games.
18. Teams shall clean up the dugout and remove all trash and debris immediately after each game.
19. Winners of each division will receive a trophy and/or medals.
20. Complete rosters with team names, coach's name(s), player's names, uniform numbers, and birth dates shall be submitted with the registration form and fee or in no case later than 24 hours before the start of the tournament. Pickup players are allowed as long as they are registered and are age appropriate for the division.
21. Game balls will be provided.