

The 2019 ASA Official Rules of Softball and the Southern California ASA Rules and Regulations shall be enforced at this event except as modified herein.

#### A. Game Time

- 1. Pool games will drop dead at one (1) hour, twenty (20) minutes, and may end in a tie.
- 2. The scoring will carry the following conditions;
  - 1) If the visiting team is up at the time game is called, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning;
  - 2) If the home team is up at the time game is called and they are losing the game, the score shall revert to the last completed inning;
  - 3) If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called and the home team has tied up the game in that half inning, the score shall stand and will not revert back;
  - 4) If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called and the visiting team has tied up the game in the previous half inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning;
  - 5) If the home team is up to bat and is leading, the score shall stand and will not revert back.
- 3. Elimination games will start no new inning after one (1) hour, twenty (20) minutes, and must have a winner. In the event of a tie, the 'Tie-Breaker Rule' shall be in effect after 7 innings (6 innings for 8U), or once the time limit is exceeded in elimination bracket games.
- 4. The championship game of each division shall not have a time limit, but may be called for darkness at the discretion of the umpires and/or tournament director as long as 4 innings have been played.
- 5. The ASA 'run ahead rule' shall be used in all divisions.
- 6. Game time is forfeit time.
- 7. All teams must use silent warm ups before the first game of the day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Our field permits don't allow us to use the fields until the actual game time. No cheering, yelling or loud noise is allowed before the first game. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiting the game.
- 8. NO WARMUPS at YLMS may occur prior to 3:45pm on Friday. Penalty: Forfiet.

### B. Check-in

- 1. Check-in at the Snack Bar 1 hour prior to your first game.
- Brackets and pool play schedules will be posted at each field. It is the manager's responsibility to check for changes that may have occurred.
- 3. Bring your proof of insurance, ASA Cards or Birth certificate & current player picture and a copy of your Roster. Tournament officials will keep the copy of your roster.

## C. Ground rules for the tournament:

- 1. Absolutely NO pets OR BBQ's are permitted at any tournament site.
- 2. No pre-game practice or warm up's of any kind (including the pitcher) will be permitted on the dirt area of the field.
- 3. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket shall occupy the 3rd base dugout, except in back-to-back games played on the same field, in which case the team playing the consecutive game does not change dugouts. Each team will completely clean their dug out after use.
- 4. Home team will provide the official scorekeeper for the game.



- 5. Home team is determined by a coin toss at the pre-game meeting with the umpires and managers.
- 6. Game balls for the tournament will be provided, and will be the only balls used. Worth 'RIF-1' 10" Level 1 for 8-U, Worth 'RIF-10' 11" for 10-U, and the Worth Dream Seam 12" for 12U, 14U.
- 7. Ties in pool standings as well as overall age group seeding will be determined by the following, in order:

TWO WAY TIE: IF THREE (or more) WAY TIE:

Win-Loss Record Win-Loss Record
Head to head Runs Allowed
Runs Allowed Runs Scored
Runs Scored Coin toss

Coin toss

#### D. Protests

- 1. Protests will be allowed on playing rules only, and must be made before the next pitch legal or illegal. Protests may not be made on judgment calls.
- 2. Protests will be ruled on immediately by the UIC. The game clock will be stopped. The protesting manager must be prepared to site the rule he/she feels is being violated.
- 3. Eligibility protests shall be ruled upon according to the ASA code, and will be ruled on by the Tournament Director or UIC. If the UIC is unable to rule, the site director will rule on the protest.
- 4. Protest fee is \$100 cash payable at the time of the protest and is refundable if the protest is upheld.

### E. Clarifications

- 1. If there is a delay in the schedule, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check the bracket boards and contact the Tournament Director for possible game time and/or field changes.
- 2. Tobacco products of any type are prohibited on school facilities. The same is prohibited from the dugouts and field of play.
- 3. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited from the facilities, including all parking lots. Teams will be immediately disqualified if they violate this rule.
- 4. All uniforms and equipment must meet ASA standards as defined in Rule 3 of the 2015 Official Rules of Softball.

#### F. Sportsmanship

- 1. Team mangers are responsible and must have control of their players, coaches and team followers at all times including on and off the field of play.
- 2. All game participants must remain inside the dugout at all times.
  - a. Only registered players, and a maximum of (4) coaches, may act as game participants.
  - b. EXCEPTION: Base coaches or as allowed by the umpire.
- 3. The ASA Code of Conduct shall be enforced throughout the tournament.
- 4. Artificial noisemakers of any type will not be allowed (i.e. horns or cans filled with rocks).
- 5. Umpires and/or Tournament Director and/or UIC shall have the responsibility and authority to eject (out of sight and sound) any team personnel or spectators for abusive language, charging, bumping, shoving, striking, threatening to players, coaching staff, spectator, or team from the tournament or facility. Umpires and the tournament UIC



shall also have the authority and responsibility to eject (out of sight and sound) per ASA Rules and Code.

### 10U G, 12U Gold, and 14U Rule Modifications

### A. The following rule modifications apply during Pool Play ONLY:

The manager must turn in a lineup sheet to the umpire at the pre-game conference. Teams must either bat using ASA rules or they may bat their entire line up (Round robin batting). If a team elects to bat their entire lineup during pool play, the following tournament rules apply:

- 1. Once the lineup is given to the umpire it is official and may not be changed.
- 2. If a player is injured during the game or leaves for any reason, an out will be declared each time the player is supposed to bat.
- 3. A team batting their entire lineup may use free substitution on all defensive positions during the half inning. Pitching changes can be made at any time per ASA rules. All pitching changes must be reported to the umpire.
- 4. A team batting their entire lineup may not use courtesy runners.
- 5. One team may use an ASA line up and their opponent may use round robin batting during the same game.

# B. During bracket play, there will be NO rule modifications and teams will play by ASA rules only.

#### 10U Silver and 12U Silver Rule Modifications

### A. The following rule modifications apply during Pool Play AND Bracket Play:

Teams must either bat using ASA rules or they may bat their entire line up (Round robin batting). If a team elects to bat their entire lineup, the following tournament rules apply:

- 1. The manager must turn in a lineup sheet to the umpire at the pre-game conference.
- 2. If a player is injured during the game or leaves for any reason, an out will be declared each time the player is supposed to bat.
- 3. A team batting their entire lineup may use free substitution on all defensive positions during the half inning. Pitching changes can be made at any time per ASA rules. All pitching changes must be reported to the umpire.
- 4. A team batting their entire lineup may not use courtesy runners.
- One team may use an ASA line up and their opponent may use round robin batting during the same game



#### **8-UNDER DIVISION MODIFICATIONS**

- A. The following rule modifications apply during Pool Play AND Bracket Play:
- 1. Run Limit per inning: The team at bat may establish and or extend an already existing lead by no more than (5) runs. There will be no run limit in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
- **2. No** dropped-third strike. The batter is out on a third strike at all times, whether it is caught or dropped.
- 3. "No Pitch" will be ruled on Illegal Pitches, and no award(s) will be given.
- 4. The championship game will have a time limit of 1 hour 50 minutes. No new inning will start after the time limit has expired unless the score is tied and the 'tie-breaker' rule will be used until there is a winner.
- 5. No "Infield Fly" or "Dropped Third Strike".
- **6.** All teams must bat their entire lineup (Round robin batting).
- 7. Courtesy runners may not be used. EXCEPTION: If a player becomes injured, the player who was the last recorded out may be used as a courtesy runner in that half inning only. Any player needing a courtesy runner a second time due to injury will be removed from the game for safety concerns.
- 8. Only one (1) may be stolen per pitch. A runner in 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 and "dead ball" as been declared by the umpire. A runner not standing on a base (legally or illegally) may be tagged out. A batter that is walked may not advance past 1st base.
- **9.** Home plate is closed, and may not be stolen.
- 10. 10 Players will be allowed to play defense at one time. Outfielders and the 10<sup>th</sup> player must remain behind the base line until the ball is hit, or a play is made on a runner (as a result of a batted ball).
- 11. Free substitutions are allowed while on defense, and can be made at any time during the half inning.