

**La Mirada Girls Softball Association
2019 Mirada Madness Tournament Rules**

Check in at location of first game at least 1 hour prior to game start.

Field Locations

East Whittier Middle School - 14421 Whittier Blvd, Whittier, CA 90605

Behringer Athletic Fields - 15900 Alicante Rd, La Mirada, CA 90638

- Rosters and USA Picture Cards or Birth Certificates, pictures, & USA cards are required at check in. No changes to rosters after check in. All USA rules of eligibility apply to this tournament for “B” & “C” 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. Teams must warm up on south fields (baseball side) unless first game of day.
- \$50 cash only protest fee. 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.
- Team listed first will be in 3rd base dugout. Top of the Bracket is 3rd base side.
- Home team is responsible for official scorekeeper. Scorebook must be submitted for review if requested by an LMGSA league official.
- Umpires are responsible for turning in the official scorecards at the end of each game.
- Tournament record tie-breaker:
 1. Record
 2. Head to Head
 3. Fewest runs allowed
 4. Most runs scored
 5. Run differential
 6. Coin flip
- A tie in pool play will stand as a tie. A tie in bracket play, after time limit or 7 innings will move to the International Tie Breaker.
- Pool Play games MUST be round robin batting, everyone on the roster must bat; **Elimination & Championship games will be USA rules – batting nine.(DP/Flex is allowed for 10U and above) or round robin batting (everyone).** Home team is determined by coin flip. Elimination games the home team will be highest seed. 6U and 8U will use round robin batting in all tournament games.
- Courtesy runner (for pitcher and catcher only) per USA rules. If batting round robin, pitcher and catcher only, must be last out.
- The run ahead mercy rule is 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5. Shall be used in all games pool and brackets.
- All Pool Play games are “Drop Dead” at 1 hr. 15 min. Score will revert to the last complete inning unless home team is at bat and is ahead or Tied at drop dead time.
- Elimination games are no new inning after 1 hr. 15 min.
- Semi finals are no new inning after 1hr. 20 min.
- Championship games are 7 innings in 10U, 12U, & 14U, 6 innings in 8U, and 5 innings for 6U – Time limit for all games will be no new after 1:40 mins.
- No artificial noisemakers, amplification devices of any kind are allowed. This includes rattling fences and banging on any objects in the dugout.
- **NO PARKING ALLOWED ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS!**
- **NO VEHICLES MAY TAKE MORE THAN 1 PARKING SPACE IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE SOFTBALL FIELDS(NO RV’S OR TRAILERS).**
- **COMPACT CARS IN COMPACT STALLS ONLY. **VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED!** CITY WILL BE INSPECTING!!!**

10U, 12U & 14U TOURNAMENT RULES:

All USA Junior Olympic rules will be followed per the 2019 USA Rule Book with the only exception being the game times and pitching distances.

8U TOURNAMENT RULES:

All USA Junior Olympic rules will be followed per the 2019 USA Rule Book with the following exceptions:

- 1 Round robin batting in all games including elimination & championship games.
- 2 Five (5) run limit (extend/5up) per inning in pool play and elimination games. No run limit in the championship game.
- 3 Pitching distance is 30 feet.
- 4 10" RIF (Reduced Injury Factor) ball will be used.

8U USA RULES EMPHASIZED:

- 5 A runner may not steal home on a pitch at any time. Runners may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Home is closed.
- 6 On a walk the batter may not steal second.
- 7 A play at a base during a steal, or an overthrow to the pitcher does not release the runner from third base.
- 8 Runners on first and second base may steal only one (1) base per pitch.
- 9 Overthrows by the catcher to the pitcher are live but 1 base limit per runner remains in effect.
- 10 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 at anytime.
- 11 No dropped third strike. No infield fly rule.

8U LINE UP CARDS, SUBSTITUTIONS, & FIELD POSITIONS:

- 12 A team must bat with at least 9 players in the lineup to avoid the "short-handed" rule penalty.
- 13 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.
- 14 A team may have between 9 and 14 batters and no more than 10 fielders.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 A player may be used as a courtesy player only one per inning.
- 18 Courtesy runners may be used for pitchers and catchers. Courtesy runner must be last out recorded.
- 19 On defense, no more than 6 players including the pitcher and catcher can be positioned in front of the base line until the ball is hit.
- 20 No player except the pitcher shall start in a defensive position closer than 25 feet to the front of home plate.
- 21 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 at least 3 games during the weekend.
- 2 Games will be played on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.
- 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.
- 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, 1:20 no new in bracket play or 5 innings, championship game is 5 innings 1:40 No new time limit.**
- 9 5 run or 5 up per inning (extend lead). A team may not extend a lead more than 5 runs in any inning for any reason.
- 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 and does not need to touch the mound)
- 13 Bases will be 60 feet apart.
- 14 The first team listed on the schedule will take the 3rd base side dugout unless on 1st base side dugout in game prior.
- 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 5 pitches or 3 strikes swinging, (unlimited foul balls) from a coach.
- 18 If a batted ball hits the adult pitcher, the ball is dead and the batter will be allowed an extra pitch/swing. (Pitch will not count and play is dead)
- 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 to first. All other bases runners may advance more than one base if ball remains in fair territory.
- 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 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, the pitcher's circle. If the runner has already passed the halfway line they will be awarded the next base. This is at the sole discretion of the umpire and may not be challenged.
- 26 No more than 10 players will be allowed on the field at one time. With 10 players field there must be 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be at least 5ft behind bases.
- 27 Teams will switch sides after 3 outs or maximum runs allowed have occurred.
- 28 Infield Fly rule will not be in effect in 6U.
- 29 No defensive player (except the catcher) will be closer to the batter than that pitcher.
- 30 No coaches will be permitted in the outfield but may coach from the sideline on their side of the field.

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 for 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, player, or team personnel for any violation of these rules.

As a representative of my team my signature acknowledges that I have read and understand the rules stated on pages 1-4. I understand that adherence to these rules is mandatory and that my team could be penalized or removed from tournament without refund for failure to adhere to the rules and policies described above.

Team City and Division _____

PRINT NAME AND TEAM ROLE

Signature

Date