



# 2019 Carol Stream Storm Swing for the Ring Tournament

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## Any rule not covered by these rules will be covered by ASA Girl's Fast pitch rules

### 1. LENGTH OF GAMES

No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 10 minutes from the start of the game. The first pitch of the pitcher will determine the start of the game. In both pool play and bracket play, a full game consists of 7 innings. A game is complete if 7 innings are completed and the score is not tied, play time expires, or the run rule is in effect.

**In pool play**, the game will be called final at 1 hour and 20 minutes after the start of the game, or at the end of seven innings- which ever comes first. **Games ending at the drop-dead time, before the completion of the inning, will revert back to the score of the last completed inning as the final score. Games can end in a tie in pool play.**

**In bracket play**, after 1 hour and 10 minutes, teams will finish the inning. In the event of a tie after time has expired and the inning has finished, the tiebreaker rule shall be in effect at the start of the next inning.

The championship games will be a full 7-innings with no time limit. In the event of a tie after 7 innings, tiebreaker rule shall be in effect.

### 2. RUN RULE

The **RUN RULE** awards a win to a team that has a 12 run lead after 3 completed innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, 10 runs after 4 completed inning or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, 8 run lead after 5 completed innings or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.

### 3. TIEBREAKER

In bracket play, after the completion of 7- innings, or when time limits have expired, and the score is still tied, the tiebreaker procedure will begin. The player, who had the last completed at bat, assumes a position on 2nd base. A substitute may be inserted (ASA substitution rules apply). A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher. The courtesy runner would be the last batted out or a player not in the game. This procedure would be done at the beginning of each half inning; until a winner is determined. If the wrong player is placed on second base, the correct runner should be inserted immediately even if a pitch has been thrown, or the runner has advanced a base. All play made while the incorrect runner was on base stands. It is the responsibility of the Umpire and scorekeeper to notify the teams involved as to which player starts the half inning at second base.

### 4. HOME TEAM

**In pool play**, home team will be determined by mound bocce. The team captain that rolls the ball closest to the pitching plate may choose to be home or visitors.

The scorekeeper for the HOME TEAM is the official scorekeeper. It is the responsibility of the VISITOR TEAM to verify all scores.

**In bracket play**, home team will be the higher seed.

### 5. REPORTING SCORES

The winner of a game must report the game score to tournament central immediately after the game. For tie games, the home team must report the score.

Once pool play is completed, the order of finish within each pool is determined by a point system, whereby three points are awarded for each win, 1 point for each tie and no points for a loss. Teams are ordered by the points earned per game played. To break ties, the following are used in order:

1. head-to-head (only applies when 2 teams are tied)
2. lowest runs allowed total
3. head-to-head (only if two teams remain after 2)
4. run differential (max run differential per games is 12 runs)
5. coin toss

Notes:

- (a) In a three-way tie, once one team is selected as the best team by the tiebreaker process, then head-to-head is applied to the remaining two teams. If the two teams did not play each other or there are still more than two teams remaining, then the process continues from the point at which the first team was selected. For example, assume Teams A, B & C have given up 5, 4 & 3 runs, respectively, have all earned the same average points and A beat B, B beat C and C beat A. Then Team C would be the top seed based on least average runs allowed. Team A would then be the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed due to head-to-head between Team A and Team B.
- (b) A team will receive a 7-0 score as a result of winning by forfeit.

### 6. PRE-GAME MEETING

5 minutes prior to scheduled game time, the Manager/Head Coach & two (2) Captains from each Team must meet with the umpire to discuss the game rules/exchange lineups.

### 7. WARM UP

There will be a maximum of 5 warm up pitches for new pitchers entering the game and for pitchers warming up between innings.

No warm up balls allowed between innings.

### 8. GAME TIME

Teams must be ready to play up to 20 minutes early. No infield practice will be allowed on the diamonds prior to any and all games.

### 9. BATTING ORDER/SUBSTITUTION

PLAYERS: A team shall consist of at least nine players, whose positions shall be designated as; (1) Pitcher, (2) Catcher, (3) First Baseman, (4) Second Baseman, (5) Third Baseman, (6) Short Stop, (7) Left Fielder, (8) Center Fielder, (9) Right Fielder.

**For pool play**, teams can bat entire roster and allow for free substitution. Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for pitcher or catcher. A courtesy runner **must** be used for the catcher when there are two outs. The runner should be the last batted out.

**For bracket play**, teams can bat entire roster and allow for free substitution. Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for the pitcher or the catcher. With the exception of the championship game, which is not a timed game, a courtesy runner **must** be used for the catcher when there are two outs. The runner should be the last batted out.

#### 10. DROPPED 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike

There is **NO** dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule for **10U ONLY**.

#### 11. EQUIPMENT

**No metal cleats are allowed in the infield at McCaslin Field (the infields are all turf).**

#### 12. SAFETY

Players must be properly equipped with appropriate helmets with face-masks and ASA approved bats. Jewelry with the exception of medical bracelets is not allowed. Medical bracelets must be taped down.

#### 13. AUTHORITY OF UMPIRE

All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.

The umpire has the authority to ask any player, parent, coach, manager, or fan to leave the premises if there is excessive harassment during the game. The umpire has the authority to stop play until said person has left the premises. If they do not leave the umpire can declare a forfeit for the team that is involved. If both teams are involved, it will result in a double forfeiture. If a player or Coach is ejected, she/he will sit out the next Tournament game as well.

For pool play, there will be one umpire per game. Bracket play will have two umpires per game.

#### 14. PLAYERS/COACHES BEHAVIOR

Throwing of equipment (in anger) is not permitted. The offender will be ejected to the bench and if behavior continues will be removed from the premises.

#### 15. REFUND POLICY

With regards to weather cancellations, refunds will be afforded as follows: \$425 if no games played due to weather; \$350 if only 1 game played due to weather; \$0 if 2 or more games played.

#### 16. FAN CONDUCT

Only players, managers, & coaches shall participate in the game or occupy the playing field and bench area.

Undue vocal or physically threatening actions by fans towards managers, coaches, or players will not be tolerated. This will result in the ejection of the person from the premises.

#### 17. DUGOUTS

Dugouts will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

#### 18. SCORES and SEEDING UPDATES

Both coaches are required to sign the official scorecard, provided by the umpire, at the completion of each game. This card will be the final record of the score. Once score cards are turned into tournament central, updates to brackets, seeding, etc. will be done online and onsite (on boards at McCaslin Park).

The Tournament will be using Tourney Machine for scores and tournament communications.

#### **Teams must check in with the tournament director (or designee) prior to the first game with the following:**

1. Copy of Certificate of Insurance
2. Birth Certificates (a copy) of every rostered player should be maintained in your dugout should there be a question.

Feel free to call or text Tim Rogers at 630-589-2864 for any clarification needed.

#### **Field Addresses:**

##### **McCaslin Park**

**27W650 E N Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185**

##### **Armstrong Park**

**391 Illini Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188**

##### **Kent Park**

**955 Woodhill Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188**

1. Smoking is not permitted at games.
2. Any team found violating eligibility rules will be disqualified and no refund given.
3. Grilling or open fires are prohibited.