



2019 CHIPS FOR KIDS

8U – 12U Tournament Rules

December 13 - 15, 2019

SECTION I: GENERAL GUIDELINES

This section lists administrative guidelines that have been adopted for the 2019 CHIPS FOR KIDS Tournament.

TEAMS / CHECK-IN:

Lone Hill Park 500 N. Shellman San Dimas CA 91773. **Friday night** check-in will be at San Dimas Sportsplex 793 Cypress Street San Dimas, CA 91773.

1. Teams will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) players. All players must be on the official team roster submitted at the time of check-in. Any player participating in a game that is not registered and/or not on the official team roster will cause immediate disqualification of the entire team for the remainder of the tournament.
2. In order to be eligible to play, all teams must check-in at least one hour before their first game. All teams must present the following documentation at check-in:
 - a. Completed Team Roster – up to 15 players
 - b. Copy of Birth Certificate for each Player on the Team Roster plus photo or USA Softball Card
 - c. 1 Toy Per Player (\$10 Value)

GAMES: The following guidelines apply to ALL divisions unless noted.

Game Duration:

1. **Pool Play** – 8U - 12U (1) one hour and (20) twenty minutes DROP DEAD.
 - a. If the visiting team is batting at the time game is called, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
 - b. If the home team is batting at the time game is called and they are losing the game, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
 - c. If the home team is batting at the time game is called and the home team has tied the score in the game in that half inning, the score shall stand as a tie and will not revert back.
 - d. If the home team is batting at the time game is called and the visiting team has tied or gone ahead in the previous half inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.
 - e. If the home team is batting and is leading, the score shall stand as a win for the home team and will not revert back.

Elimination or Bracket Play- 8U-12U (1) one hour and (20) twenty minutes no new innings. Tie-breaker if needed.

Championship Game - 12U (1) one hour (30) thirty no new innings or (7) Seven innings, 8U and 10U (1) one hour (30) thirty no new innings or (6) six innings.

Tie-breaker - Shall be in effect after (7) innings for 12U, (6) innings for 8U and 10U or once the time limit has been reached.

2. Dugout. Team listed first shall occupy 3rd base unless already occupied. Home team for all games will be determined by a coin toss at the plate.
3. All teams shall be ready to play 10 minutes prior to posted game times. Teams are responsible for checking posted game times.
4. Game time is forfeit time. Fields may not be used for infield practice before games.
5. The Home Team will provide the official scorekeeper for the game. Official scorekeeper will keep score in the official scorebook provided by SDYSA prior to the game. Official scorekeeper will correspond with the umpire(s) ONLY. Scorekeeper will make no comments, and remain neutral. If the Home Team cannot provide a scorekeeper, then the umpire will designate a scorekeeper on the visiting team. Both managers must sign the scorebook at the conclusion on the game.
6. All team personnel (Managers, Coaches, & Players) must remain in the dugout during the game, with a maximum of four (4) team staff per dugout.
7. No eating, drinking, gum chewing, etc., will be allowed on the fields during the game.
8. Any manager/coach EJECTED will be restricted to participate in any capacity for the remainder of the tournament. They will not be permitted in their perspective position. Any violation/defiance of this rule will result in the entire team's forfeit and eliminated from the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS.

SECTION II: PLAYING RULES

The Rules are SDYSA Tournament additions and adaptations to the 2019 USA Softball Rulebook. In conjunction with the USA Softball Rulebook, these Rules constitute the Official Rules and regulations for the 2019 All Star Tournament. USA Softball Rules apply to ALL Divisions unless noted below.

1. Pitching distances and ball size are as follows:

8 years & Under	30 feet, Ball 10"	12 years & Under	40 feet, Ball 12"
10 years & Under	35 feet, Ball 11"	14 years & Under	43 feet, Ball 12"
2. Base Paths are as follows:

8 years & Under	60 feet	12 years & Under	60 feet
10 years & Under	60 feet	14 years & Under	60 feet
3. During pool play all teams shall bat round robin with free defensive substitution with courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher the last scheduled out. If there are no outs it will be the last scheduled batter.

4. During elimination play all teams will be required to bat Round robin, 9 batters or (DP/Flex). Courtesy runners are per USA Softball Rules. **8U will continue to use round robin during elimination games.
5. USA Softball "Run Ahead Rule" applies to all games: Fifteen (15) runs after three (3) innings, twelve (12) runs after Four (4) innings, or eight (8) runs after five (5) innings.

SPECIFIC AGE DIVISION RULES:

1. 8 & Under Division:
 - a. All games will be played with a 10-inch ASA approved softball provided by SDYSA.
 - b. Home plate is closed.
 - c. Maximum of one (1) base stole per pitch.
 - d. Dropped third strike rule does not apply.
 - e. Infield fly rule does not apply.
 - f. Ten (10) players will be allowed on defense. Outfielders and 10th player must remain behind on the grass until the ball is hit or a play is made on a runner.
 - g. Round robin will be used for 8U during all elimination games.

SECTION III: MISCELLANEOUS

1. First round is Pool Play and will be scored as follows:
 - a. One (1) point is given for each win.
 - b. One-Half (.5) point is given to each team for a tied game.
 - c. If there is a two way tie in points in same pool, the following tie-breaker will be used:
 1. Head-to-head.
 2. Total run differential
 3. Lowest number of runs scored against you – runs allowed.
 4. Highest number of runs scored by team – runs scored.
 5. Flip of a coin.
 - d. If there is a three way tie in points in same pool, the following tie-breaker will be used:
 1. Total run differential
 2. Lowest number of runs scored against you – runs allowed.
 3. Highest number of runs scored by team – runs scored.
 4. Flip of a coin.
2. No negative cheering and/or taunting of opposing players, coaches or managers, it will not be tolerated.
3. Only the Manager may approach or speak with the umpire to discuss any disputed call.
4. All games played within the time limit is a legal game.
5. Official scorekeeper will correspond with the umpire(s) ONLY.

PROTESTS:

No protests, all decisions will be determined at the time of the infraction by the plate umpire.

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