

Softoberfest Tournament Oct 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2020.

RULES & Guidelines

Managers should read and understand USA rules and these tournament rules.

The Manager is responsible that his team knows and abides by these rules. USA rules will be in effect during the entire tournament.

1. **CHECK-IN:** Manager should check in with tournament director at least one hour prior to their first schedule game. Manager **MUST** bring:
 - a) Copy of signed roster for Tournament Director to keep.
 - b) Copy of insurance certificate for Tournament Director to keep.
2. **READINESS:** Team must be at the field ready to play at least 15 minutes before scheduled game time. If opportunities exist to start game early, they may be started early (after 1st game).
3. **LINEUP CARDS:** Roster batting and free substitutions are allowed. Lineup cards should be provided to umpire and opposing coach.
4. **HOME TEAM:** Will be determined by coin toss at the pre-game meeting, which may be held at home plate or by the umpire coming on the assigned field as prior game is being concluded. Home team keeps official score. Game time starts with first warm-up pitch'
5. **FIELD CONDUCT:** Teams may warm up beyond outfield fences or outside playing area or any of the open areas. Teams should hustle on and off the field.
6. **WARM-UP Pitchers:** The starting pitcher or a new pitcher will be allowed a maximum of five (5) warm-up pitches or 1 minute – by rule book and no more than three (3) between innings. Each addition warm-up pitch will constitute a ball on the batter.
7. **USA MERCY RUN RULE:** 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5.
8. **TIME LIMIT:** All games will have a hour and 10 minutes limit.
9. **USA approved game ball** provided for each game.
10. There will be at least a 5 minute break between games. Games will start promptly at given times.
11. **TIE-BREAKER:** In Bracket Play, if game are tied at the end of regulation the international tie-breaker will be used. Championship game will be Timed Game and International Tie-breaker used if necessary.
12. **DUGOUT CONDUCT:** Please keep dugouts clean.
13. **UNIFORMS:** Uniforms are recommended to be similar in color and style and have numbers on back. No identical numbers.
14. **PROTEST:** none allowed
15. **No Outside Food or Beverage** allowed to be brought into Troy Methodist Fields.
16. **No Pets** are allowed to be brought into Troy Methodist Fields.
17. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust game times and or duration as necessary.
18. **Refunds Policy** (numbers reflect 10u-14u divisions):

Rain Out Policy/GAMES PLAYED

0 GAMES PLAYED = \$300

1 GAME PLAYED = \$200

2 GAMES PLAYED= \$100

3 GAMES PLAYED = \$0

Tournaments have a fixed cost incurred but if no games played=100% refund minus a fair pro-rated portion which is \$50 administration fee per team.