

## Lou Gehrig 28th Annual 16U Summer Classic Girls Softball Tournament

### General Rules:

- 16U pitching distance is 43 feet.
- Tie breakers to determine final Pool Play standings:
  - Best Overall Record
  - Head to Head Record (only applicable if all teams involved)
  - Fewest Runs allowed
  - Coin Toss (if more than 2 teams involved, a draw out of a hat is used)
- The tournament will be played following the NSA rule book. All bats used must have the NSA stamp.
- Forfeits will be recorded as a score of 7-0 per NSA rules
- Game Times: One hour and 30 minute time limit in pool play, 1<sup>st</sup> Round and Quarterfinals. No new innings shall be started beyond one hour and 30 minutes; however any inning started shall be completed. No time limit in Semifinal or Championship games. Tournament Director has the right to shorten game times due to weather or other factors.
- Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.
- NSA mercy rule 12,10,8 runs ahead after 3,4,5 innings for all games.
- International tie breaker, NSA rule only applies to play-off games (Sunday games only) after 7 innings or after 1 hour and 30 minutes, regardless of time and innings. Pool Play games may end in a tie.
- During Pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin toss. The team traveling farthest may call the coin toss.
- In play-off games, the higher ranked team has the choice of being home or away.
- Teams may "Bat the Bench". If at any time a player cannot take her at bat for any reason (ejection, injury, sickness, etc) that spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out. If that player can return to the lineup later in the game, it will be allowed and no out will be taken from that point forward. Book rule for all other aspect of this rule.
- **No batting or infield allowed on game diamonds.** Outfield practice is permitted. Do not hit into fenced area with soft toss.
- Age as of January 1 per NSA
- Protests resolved at the time of the protest and carry a charge per NSA of \$75 that must be paid upfront for protest to exist. The UIC will have the final say.
- Players cannot play for more than one team during the tournament and may not join another if there team is eliminated.
- Rosters and Insurance must be turned in to the tournament director prior to the start of your first game. Once rosters are handed in before your first game, no new players can be added. Maximum number of players per team is 15. If a team is deemed to have used an illegal player, then they will forfeit all games and be removed from the tournament.
- Each team is responsible for their insurance per NSA. Lou Gehrig, The Town of Amherst, Lou Gehrig Youth Baseball and Softball league, tournament directors and the umpire in chief assume no responsibility for insurance or injury.
- **Lou Gehrig has a zero tolerance policy for coaches, players and spectators who act inappropriately during the tournament. Such actions may result in removal from the property and/or disqualification from participating in the tournament.**

PLEASE TEXT SCORES AFTER EACH GAME TO GREG JOHEL at (716) 472-4961

The 4-game guarantee is weather permitting only. The tournament director reserves the right to restructure the brackets as needed in case of inclement weather.

- Rain-out Policy: If no games are able to be played, a partial refund will be provided to each team. Full refunds are not possible due to the expenses of the tournament which must be paid prior to the first game played. No refunds will be given if each team has played at least one game.
- The tournament director reserves the right to make schedule or rule changes when necessary.

For each team, 3 seeding games will be played in pool play to determine Sunday's elimination bracket for Gold & Silver. For Sunday bracket play, the top 8 teams will compete in the Gold Division and the bottom 8 teams will compete in the Silver Division.

**Town of Amherst does not allow pets on the premises for any reason. Please note alcohol is NOT tolerated onsite and any persons will be ejected from the grounds.**