



2021 NJ Heat Tournament Rules of Play



Please note:

- No spectators are allowed to congregate or watch game from behind the dugout or backstop and will be asked to relocate if needed.
- By participating in this event, Coaches acknowledge and verify that their teams are in COVID compliance and that all players and coaches:
 - Have not presented a fever over 99.5 degrees or higher over last 48 hours
 - Have not been in contact with (6' or less for 15 minutes or more within 24 hours) with someone that has tested positive for COVID or waiting for results of a COVID test due to showing symptoms
 - Have not had any COVID related symptoms over the past 48 hours

TEAM CHECK IN

- The only Team Check-In requirement is to verify that your team insurance is in force. A copy of your insurance can be emailed to njheatfastpitch@gmail.com before 6:00 PM on the Friday before the event. If you email to us, there is no check-in required the morning of the event. If a copy is not emailed, please check your team in prior to your 1st game at the table in the common area.



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USA Softball RULES APPLY

Safety Rules as required by USA Softball.

- ALL BATTING HELMETS MUST HAVE APPROVED FACEMASKS.

Courtesy Runners

- Courtesy Runner should be used at all times for Pitchers and Catchers to speed up play
 - Courtesy Runner must come from the bench (any player not in game) or last batted out (in that order).
 - Courtesy Runner(s) must be different for pitcher and catcher within the same inning.

Player Line Ups:

- Teams may choose to bat entire roster if they would like to. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions if batting entire line-up.
- DP/FLEX rule may also be used in addition to the EP above and will follow USA Softball rules regarding such.

Game Length & Time:

- Pool Games - home team decided by coin flip. The team that traveled furthest distance will call.
- Bracket Games – home team decided by seeding. If Championship game is between teams with same Pool seeding, then home team will be determined by Division Seeding.
- 7 inning games for 12U/14U/16U/18U
- **No new inning may begin after 1 hr 20 / No time limit on Championship Games**
- Saturday games can end in a tie. If time permits use International Tie Breaker.

Run Ahead Rule:

12U/14U/16U/18U - 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5

Sunday Seeding

Seeding will be based on the following:

- Total Points (2 points for win, 1 point for ties, 0 points for loss)
- In the event of a tie:
 - Head to head if only 2 teams tied
 - Determined within Pool if Pool standings are used for bracket play
 - Determined by division if Pool standings ARE NOT used for bracket play
 - Total runs allowed
 - Total runs scored
 - Run differential
 - Coin Flip