



2021 NJ HEAT EVENTS

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- **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.
- Helmets must be worn at all times by runners while on the field including running back to the dugout.

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. Normal substitution rules apply.
- DP/FLEX rule may also be used in addition to the EP above and will follow USA Softball rules regarding such.

Game Length & Time:

- Home team decided by coin flip. The team that traveled furthest distance will call.
- 6 inning games for 10U, 7 Inning games for all other divisions
- **Game times will be 1h20m – FINISH THE BATTER**
- Games can end in a tie. If time permits use International Tie Breaker.

Run Ahead:

12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings

10U C/Town Team Division Modifications:

- Ten (10) Players in the field with Four (4) Outfielders [LF-LC-RC-RF]. **No "Short Fielder" is allowed, must be on outfield grass when pitched.**
- Teams may bat their entire roster, risking an out for any injured player who cannot come to bat, or choose to bat only eleven (11) players, and follow USA Softball substitution rules (no DP/FLEX rule or EP rule). Normal substitution rules apply.
- No Dropped Third Strike
- No Infield Fly
- Slapping is allowed, but batters cannot square to bunt, pull-back and swing
- Runners may lead on the release of the pitch. All runners leading on release are eligible to be put out if caught off base. Runners leading **cannot** advance home on pick off throws or overthrows.
- Stealing of 3rd base only will be allowed. No stealing of home is permitted. Runner stealing 3rd base **cannot** advance Home on an overthrow to 3rd base.
- Five (5) runs maximum allowed per inning for innings 1, 2 and 3. Unlimited runs allowed beginning the 4th inning.