



2022 South HB Surf City Classic TOURNAMENT RULES

1. LOCATION:

- Huntington Beach Sports Complex
- 18100 Goldenwest St, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
- Fields 1 – 8

2. CHECK IN:

- a. One team representative must check-in one hour prior to the start of your first game. Pool play MVP medals will be provided at check-in.
- b. **The Check-in table is located on the Goldenwest Street side of the complex, adjacent to Field 4**
- c. Each team must provide a copy of their 2022 USA SOFTBALL OFFICAL ROSTER. No other items are required.

3. PARKING: Parking is a cost of \$ 1.00 per day. Please look for machines around the parking lot.

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO CAR POOL AS THERE IS A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT PLAYING AS WELL AND A CLASSIC CAR SHOW. No overnight parking is allowed.

4. CONDUCT: Head coaches are responsible for their assistant coaches, players and parents, spectators, etc.

Unruly behavior will not be tolerated. The Umpire, Tournament Director, UIC, or any South HB Executive Board Member can/will determine whether a warning or ejection is warranted and each of them have the ability to eject anyone at anytime (not just the umpire).

If ejected, the offending party will be ejected from the field immediately (must leave the field area and must be out of sight and sound of the field) and they will be suspended for the teams next game.

If any physical violence (actual or threatened) occurs, the offending team will automatically forfeit the game in which they are playing AND the offending party will be suspended from returning to the HB Sports Complex for the remainder of the tournament.



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5. GENERAL:

- a. USA Softball Rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated below.
- b. Any league found playing an un-rostered player will have ALL their teams disqualified and will forfeit their registration fees. No exceptions.
- c. Game balls are furnished by South HB
- d. Individual trophies for 1st and 2nd place will be distributed at the conclusion of each divisions championship games. MVP awards for pool play games are provided. Coaches, please select a player from your opponents team whom you feel is worthy after each pool play game, and award to that player. MVP awards needs to be done off the dirt – thank you.
- e. The team listed on the top of the bracket or first in pool play shall occupy the third base dugout. Exception: for teams playing back to back games on the same field may stay in the same dugout.
- f. Coin flip determines home team and official scorekeeper. Each team is responsible for providing their own scorekeeper.
- g. Coaches will exchange line up cards at the plate meeting prior to the game. Line up cards must have the following information listed:
 - 1) Player first name or first initial
 - 2) Player last name
 - 3) Jersey number
 - 4) When batting Round Robin the pitcher and catcher must be designated as such on the line up card
 - 5) When batting 9 or DP/Flex all starting players must have their positions listed in addition to the pitcher and catcher.
- h. NO Protests allowed. Umpire decisions are final.
- i. The umpire will have a game card to report game scores to the tournament director. Each team should verify the accuracy of this card, along with the official scorekeeper. **All coaches MUST sign the score card at the completion of every game.**
- j. It is the team's responsibility to be up to date with the schedule. Tourney Machine will be updated with game results and standings as they come in. Some bracket/elimination games will begin late Saturday afternoon.
- k. No metal cleats are allowed in any age group except for 14u.
- l. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout after each game. **DO NOT LEAVE BEHIND ANY TRASH.**
- m. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall lose by forfeit with the score recorded as 7 - 0.



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6. RULE MODIFICATIONS: All rules as defined in the USA SOFTBALL rulebook will be followed with South HB tournament rules superseding in the following instances.

a. 8U:

i. Home plate is closed.

ii. No infield fly.

iii. No dropped 3rd strike.

iv. May play four 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be reasonably placed beyond the infielders and if any questions arise during the game it is the umpires sole discretion to decide what is reasonable.

v. Run Limit in pool and elimination play: Five (5) runs per inning for innings 1-3 and open thereafter

vi. Pitchers must have control of the ball in the circle for play to stop, umpires have the final call on this

vii. Runners may steal only one base per pitch and cannot advance further even in the case of an overthrow. Please note that if a ball that is thrown by a catcher (during a runner stealing a base) goes out of play the umpire will award the runner(s) the appropriate USA Softball award per the rule book.

viii. No coach pitch. Walks are allowed.

ix. A walked batter may not advance beyond first base on the same pitch that they were walked on.

x. All 8U games are six (6) innings unless time limits are reached prior to the completion of (6) innings.

b. 10U, 12U, and 14U:

i. Run Limit in pool play is five (5) runs per inning for innings 1-3 and open thereafter

ii. Bracket games and the Championship games have no run limits in any inning.

iii. 10U bracket games and Championship games will be six (6) inning maximum or time limit

iv. 12U and 14U bracket games and Championship games are seven (7) innings or time limit



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7. BATTING:

- a. Round Robin shall be used for all divisions in Pool Play.
- b. 8u shall use Round Robin batting for all games (pool play, bracket, and championship games) with free substitutions. Batting 9 or DP/Flex is not permitted in the 8u division.
- c. 10u, 12u, and 14u may use any of the following during bracket play and the Championship games and must inform umpire and opposing team at plate meeting of batting method used. (2022 USA Rule 4.1.C)
 - OPTION 1 - Straight nine: Those nine players can play any position on defense.
 - OPTION 2 - DP/Flex: 10 players are listed on the line-up, but only 9 bats. The DP can bat for any player that you designate prior to the start of the game (Position and DP must be listed on the line up card). That player is designated as the Flex and must be listed in the 10th spot on the lineup card and position designated by an "F" or "Flex"
 - OPTION 3 - EP: This gives you the option to bat 10 players and any 9 can play defense. This player can be placed anywhere in the lineup.
 - OPTION 4 - DP/Flex and the EP: This allows you to have 11 players listed in the lineup. Only 10 will bat any 9 of these players can play defensively, but the Flex must always play defense. The Flex must be listed in the 11th spot on the lineup card.
 - OPTION 5 – Bat Round Robin
 - COACHES: Please be sure you are fully aware of the substitution rules that go along with these options.

8. COURTESY RUNNERS "Any player who runs for a runner without a charged substitution": May only be used for the pitcher and catcher of record.

- a. ROUND ROBIN BATTING: The player furthest from the runner will be used unless they are on base, then it reverts to the next furthest runner, etc.
- b. BAT 9 and DP/FLEX: USA Softball rules will apply (Section 10A. Note: Section 10C exception does not apply to this tournament as Pool Play is Round Robin batting only)

9. GAME LENGTH:

- a. Pool Play: 1 hour 15 minutes drop dead. The umpires are instructed to keep games moving along at a fast pace – please turn your half innings quickly.
- b. In the event of reaching drop dead time, score will revert to last completed inning unless the home team has tied or taken the lead in the inning when time is called. Games can end in a tie.
- c. Elimination Games: 1 hour 20 minutes, no new inning. ITB if needed after time expires.



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d. Championship Games:

i. 14U and 12U and 10U = seven (7) innings or 130 No New Inning, whichever occurs first.

ii. 8U= six (6) innings or 130 No New Inning, whichever occurs first.

e. USA Softball Run Ahead rule (9A1b) is in effect for all games: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings or 8 after five innings

10. POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS:

a. Win/Loss Record

b. Head to Head

c. Fewest Runs Allowed

d. Most runs scored

e. Run Differential (actual)

f. Coin Flip: A coin flip will be overseen by either the Tournament Director, the UIC or an Executive Board Member of South HB. The winner of the coin toss does not get an option to choose. They will be the higher seed.

11. RESTRICTED ACTIVITY:

a. At no time shall any player, coach, manager, or spectators be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages at time at The HB Sports Complex.

b. Noise makers are not allowed, including but not limited to: bells, whistles, airhorns, etc.) will not be allowed at any field.

c. BBQ's are prohibited from all fields and parking lots.

12. UNFORESEEN EVENTS: Unforeseen events such as bad weather, light malfunctions, or other game delays, the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the tournament structure, schedule, and rules as needed.

13. Tournament Director and UIC for this event is: Ken Malecki of South Huntington Beach Girls Fastpitch Softball. Please direct any questions or issues to him. When not available revert to George Weber, President.