



Connect Sports uses USA softball official rules with the tournament modifications listed below

Tournament Rules for All Showcase Pool Games

- All pitching plates will be set at 43 feet
- Pitchers will get 1 minute or 3 pitches between innings
- Pitchers may start with their stride foot behind and not in contact with the pitching rubber
- Players are allowed to wear metal cleats
- Teams may bat a minimum of 9 & no maximum number of hitters
- “Last Batted Out” may be used as a Courtesy Runner for a pitcher & catcher
- Courtesy Runner is mandatory for Catchers, in order to speed the game
- Defensive Substitution may be made without reporting to the umpire
- Pool games will have 80 minute time limit, finish the inning
- Connect Sports will supply all game balls
- Home & Visitor will be decided by a coin toss at the plate
- Home & Visitor are required to turn in scorecards to official scorekeepers
- Walked batters MUST take their base. No consecutive at-bats
- Batters hit by pitch may take a “Ball” & continue at-bat
- Pool play games can end in a tie

Tournament Rules in Championship Play

- Teams may bat a minimum of 9 & maximum of 11 hitters
- “Last Batted Out” may be used for Courtesy Runners for Pitchers & Catchers
- Defensive Substitutions may be made without reporting to the umpire
- Offensive Substitutions must be reported to umpire
- Home Team will be official scorebook
- Elimination Games will have 80 minutes time limit or complete 7 innings. Tiebreaker will be in effect after completion of 80 minutes or 7 innings.
- Home & Visitor will be decided by a coin toss at the plate