



TUSTIN GIRLS SOFTBALL 2022 TUSTIN ALL-STAR TAKEOFF TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

1. LOCATIONS:
 - a. Columbus Tustin Park. 14712 Prospect Ave, Tustin, CA 92780
 - b. Veterans Sports Park. 1645 Valencia Ave, Tustin, CA 92782
 - c. Tustin Sports Park. 12850 Robinson Dr, Tustin, CA 92782
 - d. Note: All fields have bleachers except Columbus Tustin Field 3

2. CHECK IN (*Updated 5/15/2022*):
 - a. One team representative must check-in one hour prior to the start of your first game.
 - b. There will be a Check-in table at each field.
 - c. A copy of your USA Softball championship or standard roster.
 - d. A signed [TGS roster](#). Players may not be added to this roster after check-in.
 - e. Proof of each coach's USA Softball completed background check and Safe Sports. A printed screen shot of the USA softball database clearly showing the green checkmarks in the required columns will suffice. This requirement extends to team moms if that person will be in the dugout. Any coach or team mom without this documentation will not be permitted in the dugout at any time.

3. PARKING: No overnight parking is allowed.

4. GENERAL:
 - a. USA Softball Rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated below.
 - b. Four adults are allowed in the dugout during game play.
 - c. No travel ball players allowed.
 - d. Only USA Registered recreational softball all-star teams will be allowed to play in this tournament.
 - e. Any team found to have a travel ball player on their roster or a player in the incorrect age bracket will be disqualified and will forfeit their registration fee. No refunds will be given.
 - f. USA Softball code of conduct will be enforced.
 - g. Tustin Girls Softball will furnish game balls.
 - h. Individual trophies for 1st and 2nd place will be distributed. MVP awards for pool play games.

- i. 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.
 - j. Coin flip determines home team and official scorekeeper. Each team is responsible for providing their own scorekeeper.
 - k. Coaches will exchange line ups at the plate meeting prior to the game.
 - l. NO Protests. Umpire decisions are final. The Tournament Director will not overturn the decision.
 - m. 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.
 - n. 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 elimination games will begin late Saturday afternoon.
 - o. Please arrange with the opposing coach to do the Player of the Game medal ceremony off the infield dirt so we can get the field ready for the next game.
 - p. No metal cleats are allowed in any age group except 14u where they are optional.
 - q. Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout after each game.
 - r. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall lose by forfeit with the score recorded as 7 - 0. Exception: Teams playing back to back games at different fields will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to get to the next field.
 - s. Any violation of the rules could result in a forfeit.
5. RULE MODIFICATIONS: All rules as defined in the USA SOFTBALL rulebook will be followed with TGS 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 (must be ten feet beyond the baseline).
 - v. Run Limit in pool and elimination play: Four (4) runs per inning.
 - vi. Modified run ahead rule: twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings, ten (10) after four (4), and eight (8) after five (5)
 - vii. Pitchers must have control of the ball in the circle for play to stop.
 - viii. May steal only one base per pitch.
 - ix. No coach pitch. Walks are allowed.
 - x. A walked batter may not advance beyond first base on the same pitch that they were walked on.
 - xi. 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. Infield fly rule in effect.
 - ii. Batter may run on dropped 3rd strike.
 - iii. Run Limit in pool and elimination play: Five (5) runs per inning.
 - iv. Modified run ahead rule: twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings, ten (10) after four (4), and eight (8) after five (5)
 - v. All 10U, 12U, and 14U games are seven (7) innings unless time limits are reached prior to the completion of (7) innings or Championship Game as described below.+
6. MODIFIED USA SOFTBALL RUN AHEAD RULE/MERCY RULE: Twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings, ten (10) after four (4), and eight (8) after five (5).
 7. BATTING: Round Robin shall be used for all divisions (No DP/Flex). Free substitutions on defense.
 8. COURTESY RUNNERS: May only be used for the pitcher and catcher of record. The last out in the lineup shall be used.
 9. GAME LENGTH:
 - a. Pool Play: 1 hour 20 minutes drop dead.
 - b. Elimination Games: 1 hour 20 minutes, no new inning. ITB after time expires.
 - c. Championship Games:
 - i. 14U and 12U = seven (7) innings
 - ii. 10U = six (6) innings
 - iii. 8U = 1:30, "No New" inning or six (6) innings, whichever occurs first.
 - d. 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. Three team pool games can end in a tie. Four team pool games MUST have a winner.
 - e. EXCEPTION for 4-team pools: In the event of reaching drop dead time where the score would revert to a tie, the inning will continue. If there is still a tie after the completed inning, ITB will commence. *(Updated 5/17/2022)*
 10. POOL PLAY:
 - a. In a three (3) team pool, seeding will be determined by the following:
 - i. Win/Loss Record
 - ii. Head to Head
 - iii. Fewest Runs Allowed
 - iv. Total Runs Scored
 - v. Coin Flip A coin flip will be overseen by either the Tournament Director, the UIC or an Executive Board Member. The winner of the coin toss does not get an option to choose. They will be the higher seed.

- b. For teams playing in a four (4) team pool, the first game is to determine who advances to the winner/winner game. The second game is to determine seeding.
 - i. Teams in the winner/winner game are playing for the one (1) and two (2) seeds and teams in the loser/loser game are playing for the three (3) and four (4) seeds. One (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes drop dead. ITB if score reverts to a tie.

11. BASE and PITCHING DISTANCE:

- a. Base distance shall conform to USA SOFTBALL rule of 60 feet.
- b. Pitching distance shall conform to USA SOFTBALL rule of 43 feet (14U).
- c. Pitching distance shall conform to USA SOFTBALL rule of 40 feet (12U).
- d. Pitching distance shall conform to USA SOFTBALL rule of 35 feet (10U).
- e. Pitching distance shall conform to USA SOFTBALL rule of 30 feet (8U).

12. BALL: Balls used shall be the 10, 11, and 12 inch USA Softball approved ball.

13. RESTRICTED ACTIVITY:

- a. At no time shall any player, coach, manager, or spectators be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages at any game during the tournament.
- b. Noise makers (including music between innings or batters, bells, whistles, air horns, etc) will not be allowed at any field.
- c. BBQ's are prohibited from all fields and parking lots.

14. CONDUCT: Head coaches are responsible for their assistant coaches, players and parents. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated. The umpire or UIC will determine whether a warning or ejection is warranted. If ejected, the offending party AND the head coach will be ejected from the field and suspended for the next game.

15. 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.

Thank you for participating in the Tustin All-Star Takeoff! We hope you have a great tournament and a fun "Takeoff" to your All-Star Season!