

2022 LA/SOUTH BAY TURKEY TOURNAMENT RULES

Games will be played at the San Pedro Pistol Range and North Torrance Hamilton Fields. San Pedro Pistol Range fields are located on federal property and North Torrance Hamilton Fields are on school property. Please park in the designated areas at the SP Pistol Range and NT Hamilton lots. For San Pedro, Parking will be allowed on the west side of Gaffey Street (the same side of the street that the fields are located). **DO NOT PARK ON THE EAST SIDE OF GAFFEY STREET; YOU WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED AT YOUR EXPENSE.**

**PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING LOTS CLEAN.**

**THERE IS NO ALCOHOL, NO SMOKING, AND NO PETS ALLOWED ON FEDERAL PROPERTY!**

**ANY TEAM IN VIOLATION OF THIS WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT!**

**THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS!**

**NO ALCOHOL · NO SMOKING · NO DOGS or OTHER PETS**

**NO RVs · NO BIKES · NO SCOOTERS**

**ALL AGE DIVISIONS:**

**Only USA registered LASB Fall Ball participating Teams**

**Ages to be determined by the USA cutoff date of December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Spring 2023 age will determine player eligibility; players must play in the age division that is based on Spring 2023 – NO playing “down”.**

**USA Codes and Rules will apply as outlined in the 2022 USA Guide and Playing Rules for All Divisions, with modifications. (See Rules Modifications)**

**USA Player I.D. Cards or a birth certificate will be required to be shown at registration.**

**There will be no mixing of teams or players allowed. ONLY FINAL ROSTERS PROVIDED TO DISTRICT BY YOUR LEAGUE WILL BE USED. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR TO VERIFY YOUR OFFICIAL ROSTER PROVIDED TO DISTRICT. IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES TO YOUR ROSTER, YOU WILL HAVE TO HAVE DISTRICT MAKE THESE CORRECTIONS AND DISTRICT FORWARD THE REVISED ROSTERS TO US. REVISIONS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE MADE UPON CHECK IN OR AT ANY POINT DURING THE TOURNAMENT. ALLOWING NON-ROSTERED PLAYERS TO PLAY ON YOUR TEAM WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE TEAM FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**

**Illegal Player:**

If an illegal player is found she will be ejected from the tournament, and all of the games she participated in will become forfeits. The team will be allowed to continue in the tournament if they have a minimum of 8 players and have not met the tournament minimum games played. The definition of an illegal player shall be left up to the Tournament Director, U.I.C., and Player Agent.

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#### Bases and Pitching Distances:

8u	bases 60 feet	pitching 30 feet
10u	bases 60 feet	pitching 35 feet
12u	bases 60 feet	pitching 40 feet
14u	bases 60 feet	pitching 43 feet
H/S	bases 60 feet	pitching 43 feet

#### Tournament Ground Rules:

- Check in 1 hour 15 min before your first game, if you fail to check in you take the chance of possibly forfeiting your game or games. An official roster will be turned in, once it has been turned in you cannot add any players. Check in will be at either facility depending on where your first game is played. All rostered players must have a valid USA Player I.D. Card or a birth certificate with photo ID! Coaching staff will receive wristbands to wear for the duration of play**
- No infield practice.
- Music: "Walk-up" music will be allowed. Please make sure music is appropriate with no foul language and volume is kept to a respectful level. Music played during warm-ups, during games, and/or after games must be kept to a low volume so as to not disrupt other games being played. Host fields have the right to tell you to lower the volume and/or turn it off.
  - North Torrance fields: music may NOT be played before 9:00 AM.
- No artificial noisemakers.
- Have your team ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. If we can start a game early, we will. Please be flexible, a tournament staff member may alter your schedule.
- Teams listed last will occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> base side, except in back to back games played on the same field, in which case the team shall not change dugouts.
- Home team IN POOL PLAY will be the team listed last and will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. Home team in all elimination games shall be determined by a coin flip.
- Home team will be the official scorekeeper  
The score sheet and score card [signed by the umpire of record] is the official result of the game.
- A forfeited game will result in a 7-0 score.
- There will be NO MORE than 2 coaches allowed on the field while your team is on offense. This will constitute the first and third base coaches ONLY. An exception is made for 8U, when a 3<sup>rd</sup> coach may be present on the field during coach-pitch.
- There will be NO MORE than 1 coach on the field or outside the dugout while your team is on defense. The 1 allowed coach on the field while your team is on defense will be seated next to the fence on a bucket for the purposes of calling pitches only.

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct and eligibility of their players and also the conduct of their parents and spectators. If a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, they will be suspended for their next game. Should a spectator become unruly, a warning will be given to the manager, if the unruly behavior continues the manager may be ejected and further occurrences will result in the team being removed from the tournament. No refunds will be given.

#### Protests

- No protests allowed in POOL PLAY
- **Protest for Elimination Games ONLY: A JUDGMENT CALL BY THE UMPIRE IS NOT PROTESTABLE: RULE INTERPRETATIONS OR ELIGIBILITY ONLY** and a \$50.00 deposit must accompany the protest. A protest must be declared before the next pitch. Protests will be reviewed by the Tournament Director, U.I.C. and Player Agent.

**ALL TEAMS IN ALL DIVISIONS [8u, 10u, 12u, 14u] MUST BAT ROUND ROBIN IN ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES [this is Fall Ball after all!].**

**NO PLAYER WILL SIT OUT DEFENSIVELY FOR MORE THAN 1 INNING IN A ROW IN ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES [ALL DIVISIONS]**

**Round Robin Batting:** With batting round robin there are no courtesy runners for the pitcher or catcher. An injured player may have a courtesy runner (i.e. last out) **THIS INCLUDES CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.**

#### Time Limit Pool Play:

**All Divisions: 1 hour 20 minutes [DROP DEAD]**

Score reverts back to last completed inning, if home team does not finish batting and they are still behind. If home team is ahead and they do not finish batting the score stands as is at the end of the time limit. **Pool Play can end in a tie.**

#### Time Limit For Elimination Rounds:

**All Divisions: 1 hour 20 minutes [NO NEW INNING]**

A game that goes the full time limit is a complete game, no matter how many innings are played. Once an inning starts it must be completed. In the event of a tie "International" Tiebreaker will be used until a winner is determined.

#### Championship Games:

**8U: No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes, or 6 innings**, whichever occurs first [weather & darkness permitting]. In case of a tie, the "International" tiebreaker will be used until a winner is determined. The USA mercy rule is in effect.

**10U-14U: No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes or 7 innings**, whichever occurs first [weather & darkness permitting]. In case of a tie, the "International" tiebreaker will be used until a winner is determined. The USA mercy rule is in effect.

#### Additional Rules [All Divisions]

Pitching: **Unlimited All Divisions**

Run Ahead (Mercy) Rule: **15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.**  
**[INCLUDES CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES]**

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#### Players:

1. A team may start with 8 players and end with 8 players but when another player arrives, they must be inserted into the line up in the ninth batting position. If a 10<sup>th</sup> player arrives, they must be inserted in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot in the line up. Subsequent arrivals must be listed in order of arrival up to the maximum number of players allowed by the district fall ball rules is reached. An out will be called the first time the vacant ninth position in the batting order appears. Subsequent at-bats in the vacant position will be skipped over with no "out" penalty being called.

#### **Tiebreakers:**

- 1) Overall Won/Loss record
- 2) Head to Head
- 3) Least amount of runs given up
- 4) Runs scored
- 5) Coin flip

#### **TOURNAMENT RULE MODIFICATIONS:**

[USA Codes and Rules will apply as outlined in the 2022 USA Guide and Playing Rules for All Divisions, with modifications.]

#### **8U TOURNAMENT RULES:**

1. **POOL PLAY GAMES:** "Drop dead" at 1 hour 20 minutes or 6 complete innings, whichever occurs first. Score will revert to the last complete inning unless the home team is at bat and ahead at drop dead time. **Four (4) run limit per inning.**
2. **ELIMINATION / BRACKET GAMES:** **No new inning** after 1 hour 20 minutes or 6 complete innings (whichever occurs first). A game that goes the full time limit is a complete game, no matter how many innings are played. Once an inning starts it must be completed. In the event of a tie International Tiebreaker will be used to determine a winner. **There will be a four (4) run limit per inning for the first 3 innings – open inning from the 4<sup>th</sup> inning on.**
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:** **No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes, or 6 innings**, whichever occurs first [weather & darkness permitting]. **No run limits.**
4. **Game time is forfeit time.**
5. **Coach - Pitch Will Be Used [see 8U #15 below]**
6. **No dropped-third strike.** The batter is out on a third strike at all times.
7. **No "infield fly" rule** will be used.

#### **USA 8U BASE STEALING RULES EMPHASIZED:**

- ✓ A runner may not steal home on a pitch at any time. Runners may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- ✓ A play at a base during a steal, an attempted pick-off, or an overthrow to the pitcher does not release the runner from third base.
- ✓ Runners on first and second base may steal only one (1) base per pitch.

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- ✓ Home plate is closed for 8U.

#### **When a team is on Offense: 8U**

8. The batter is out on the third strike dropped by the catcher, however, the ball remains live and runners on first or second base may advance at their own risk. Runner on third may not advance home. Note: If a batter is hit by a pitch, the batter will be awarded first base.
9. Runners on first or second base may steal only one base per pitch.
  - a. The ball is live and in play.
  - b. Runners may not leave the base until the pitch has left the pitchers hand. The umpire will declare “no pitch” and an out when a runner leaves too soon. If more than one runner leaves early, the umpire must determine which runner left too soon first and only that runner will be called out.
  - c. A runner in sole possession of an illegally stolen base shall be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out when all other play has stopped. A runner standing on an illegal base cannot be tagged out. A runner not standing on a base can be tagged out.
  - d. Overthrows by the catcher to the pitcher or to the bases do not result in additional bases by the runners. After all play has stopped, if a runner has advance beyond the one base to which they are entitled, the umpire will call “time” and return runners back to the proper base. **Note: A runner may advance an unlimited number of bases after a fair, batted ball is put in play. The only limitation on runners occurs after a legal pitch provided the batter does not put the ball in play.**
  - e. A runner cannot steal home, even on a play to another base or an overthrow to the pitcher. Once the runner has touched home plate and after all other play has stopped, the umpire will call time and return the runner back to third base. Note: The runner may be tagged out while off the base.
  - f. **Awards - A runner may be awarded home per USA softball rules as determined by the umpire (Ex: illegal pitch, ball out of play etc...)**

#### **When a team is on Defense: 8U**

10. No more than 10 players will be allowed to play defense at one time.
11. No more than 6 players including the pitcher can be positioned in front of the base line.
12. Outfielders and the tenth player must have their feet on the outfield grass until the ball is hit, or a play is made on a runner (as a result of a batted ball.)
13. No player except the pitcher shall start in a defensive position closer than the pitching rubber to home plate.
14. An unlimited number of “free” substitutions are allowed at anytime during a dead ball situation, while on defense.

#### **15. 8U COACH-PITCH RULES:**

- a. No stealing during coach-pitch.
- b. No bunting during coach-pitch.
- c. Walks are not permitted on any batter. The batter must put the ball in play or strike out.
- d. The umpire will call balls and strikes while the coach is pitching.
- e. After four (4) called balls, a coach from the offense will pitch to the batter. The coach assumes the current strike count. The batter will receive a maximum of 3 pitched balls to either strike out or put the ball in play. The umpire will call the coach pitches. A batter cannot foul out, pitches fouled off will be re-pitched. However, a foul tip caught by the catcher on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike results in the batter being declared out.
- f. The coach must pitch with at least one foot on the 30-foot rubber.

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- g. The pitcher shall remain adjacent to or behind the coach-pitcher and must have at least one foot in the pitcher's circle during coach pitch.
- h. The coach-pitcher shall not interfere with **any** defensive player making a play on the ball or a runner.
- i. The umpire shall call delayed interference if the coach-pitcher is hit by the ball or interferes with a defensive player.
- j. After all play has stopped, the umpire declares, "dead ball" and the defensive coach has the option to take the result of the play or the penalty for coach-pitch interference.
- k. **PENALTY FOR COACH-PITCH INTERFERENCE:** the batter is declared out and all other runners are returned to last base held at the time of coach interference. Any outs made on the play are nullified.

### **10U TOURNAMENT RULES:**

All USA Junior Olympic 10U rules will be followed per the 2022 USA Rule Book with the following exceptions/additions:

1. **POOL PLAY GAMES:** "Drop dead" at 1 hour 20 minutes or seven complete innings which ever occurs first. Score will revert to the last complete inning unless the home team is at bat and ahead at drop dead time. **Five [5] run limit per inning.**
2. **ELIMINATION GAMES:** No new inning after 1 hour 20 minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs is first. A game that goes the full time limit is a complete game, no matter how many innings are played. Once an inning starts it must be completed. In the event of a tie International Tiebreaker will be used to determine a winner.  
**No run limit per inning in elimination games**
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:** No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs first [weather & darkness permitting]  
**No run limits**

### **12U, 14U TOURNAMENT RULES:**

All USA Junior Olympic rules will be followed per the 2022 USA Rule Book with the following exceptions/additions:

1. **POOL PLAY GAMES:** "Drop dead" at 1 hour 20 minutes or 7 innings, which ever occurs first. Score will revert to last complete inning unless home team is at bat and ahead at drop dead time. **Six [6] run limit per inning.**
2. **ELIMINATION/ BRACKET GAMES:** No new inning after 1 hour 20 minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs first. A game that goes the full time limit is a complete game, no matter how many innings are played. Once an inning starts it must be completed. In the event of a tie International Tiebreaker will be used to determine a winner.  
**No run limit per inning in elimination games**
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:** No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs first [weather & darkness permitting]  
**No run limits**