

WPA USA/ASA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES (01/01/23)

1. Umpires: All umpires are USA/ASA sanctioned. Only the manager and player involved are permitted to question any decision made by the umpire.

2. Coin Toss: Takes place prior to EVERY game. Line-Up cards are to be submitted to the umpire prior to the start of each game.

3. Equipment: All equipment used in the play of this tournament must meet the certification requirements of the USA/ASA. Tournament officials reserve the right to take possession of any equipment used in the play of this tournament for examination and evaluation. Failure to permit this will deem the equipment as illegal or not approved and thus will not be permitted to be used in any further play in the tournament. By using any equipment in the play of this tournament the individual, manager or team agrees to permit this equipment to be taken by tournament officials for examination or evaluation. Failure to allow tournament officials to take possession of equipment for examination and evaluation will subject the individual and team to immediate disqualification from further play in the tournament.

4. Bats: Only USA/ASA Approved Bats will be permitted to be used in this tournament.

5. Run Ahead Rule: The run ahead rule will be in effect for ALL games throughout the play of the tournament. Any team leading by twelve (12) or more runs after three full innings, or ten (10) or more runs after four complete innings or eight (8) or more runs after five or more after 5 full innings, six (6) or more after 6 full innings of play shall be declared the winner. The losing team must have had their opportunity to bat in the inning in question. IN POOL PLAY ONLY: At any time during the UNTIMED INNING either team goes ahead by 8 runs the game is official, in this case, the home team may not be afforded their at-bats.

6. Eligibility: USA/ASA of PA Age Eligibility Rules will be strictly enforced throughout the play of the tournament. All eligibility questions will be the full decision of the USA/ASA officials and representative. Regardless of age or roster eligibility, players may only participate with one team in this tournament.

7. Rules: This tournament will use USA/ASA rules. Decisions of USA/ASA tournament officials on all protest will be final.

8. Infield Practice: No infield practice is permitted on the field where the game is scheduled.

9. Dugout Limits: A maximum of FOUR (4) Coaches & 1 Scorekeeper are permitted in the dugout.

10. Schedule: It shall be the responsibility of each team to obtain the proper time and field for each game. The 15-minute grace period is from the original starting time of the game in question. No time other than that on the official bracket will be considered official unless obtained from the USA/ASA tournament representative. Teams shall be prepared to play up to 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time and may be moved to open fields as they become available.

11. Forfeits: A team that intentionally forfeits their last pool game(s) will be given the worst seed assignment for the elimination round. All of their scoring will count as played > Forfeits are a 7-0 victory. However, they will receive the last seed regardless of their record.

12. Time Limit: There will be a 1:00 time limit on all games. At the completion of 1 hr. we will finish the inning in question, unless the game is over due to the run-ahead rule or we have completed 7 innings, we will play one (1) more UNTIMED INNING. ADDITIONALLY, in Pool Play, we will use the above timing rules plus a 1:20 Drop Dead rule to keep the tournament on time. Ties are permissible in Pool Play. Scores will revert back if needed (this is covered by the rule book). We must have a winner in bracket play, International Tie-Breaker Rule will be in effect at the completion of the untimed inning or the top of the 8th inning if the game is tied. Should there be a 2nd Tie-Breaker inning and beyond runners will be placed at 2nd and 3rd. (furthest batter on 3rd and next furthest on 2nd).

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE UNTIMED.

13. BATTING ORDER OPTIONS: 1). Bat a straight 9 players in accordance with the USA/ASA Rules 2). Bat 9 players and utilize the DP/FLEX rule 3. Utilize DP/Flex and EP rules according to USA Rules. 4). You may bat as many as you like. Short-handed rules will apply should you drop player(s) below the number they started the game with. REMINDER, teams cannot play short-handed due to an ejection.

14. Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher of record. A courtesy runner may be any eligible substitute who has not yet entered the game, or the last recorded out. Should the last recorded out be the pitcher or catcher the previous out can be used.

WEATHER HOTLINE: 724-651-6352 (announcement only)

Pool play game results as calculated by Tournery Machine for bracket placement and are official. All results/bracketing will be posted on the tournament site which is accessible from our website at www.asawpa.net utilizing the specific tournament link.

Thanks for YOUR PARTICIPATION:

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