

2023 LHGSA Field of Dreams Tournament

Field locations:

La Bonita = LB
1440 Whittier Blvd
La Habra, Ca. 90631

Lions Field = LN
1440 Brea Blvd
Fullerton, Ca. 92835

CHECK-IN

-Teams must check-in or send a representative to La Bonita an hour prior to first game.

-You will receive pool play schedules, brackets, rules, for tournament. (Tournament pins will be given for each player in 6U division only.)

- A **Team Roster** completed on a Tournament Form must be submitted. All teams are limited to the players listed on the verified roster and no player may be added or changed after the start of your first game. No travel ball players allowed.

-Please make **USA player ID card or birth certificates** accessible. Without proof of age, a player will not be allowed to play, no exceptions. Teams should have proof of age documentation available for challenge throughout the tournament. Rostering ineligible players will result of forfeiture of games played and possible disqualification from the tournament with a loss of all fees paid. Player card USA numbers is proof of qualification.

* **Proof of team/league insurance** is required at check in.

**TOURNAMENT WILL BE A 2 GAME POOL PLAY AND SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKETS
3 GAME GUARANTEE**

RULE 1: GENERAL RULES (All Divisions)

1.1 Team listed 1st occupies 3rd base dugout. In bracket play, team listed on top of bracket occupies 3rd base dugout. The exception is when a team is playing back to back games they stay in their dugout.

1.2 Pool play games can end in a tie, bracket games must have a winner.

1.3 Pool Play - Home team will be decided by coin toss. Home team will keep the official score.

Bracket play – Home team will be higher seed.

Scorebooks are not provided; Umpires will turn in score cards.

1.4 No infield practice permitted. Please stay off dirt (fair and foul territory).

1.5 All teams must have equipment as required by USA rules (i.e. NOCSAE approved helmets, face guards, approved bats, etc.)

1.6 Teams must be ready to play at scheduled game time. Teams that are not present will forfeit their game.

1.7 Game balls for the tournament will be provided and will be the only balls used. Worth RIF1 10" Soft dot or equivalent for 8U, Worth RIF10 Soft Dot 11" or equivalent for 10U, and Worth Dream Seam or Equivalent 12" for 12U, & 14U.

1.8 Managers are responsible for all players' eligibility and parental conduct during the tournament.

1.9 Managers must keep all documents (birth certificates, player cards, team insurance) at all times in case of discrepancy.

1.10 No Travel Ball Teams Allowed. Only USA certified All Star Teams are eligible to play.

1.11 USA Rules Apply unless stated below per division.

1.12 Alcoholic beverages or Illegal drugs are not permitted on city or school fields. You will be removed from the facility. No Exceptions!

1.13 There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for unsportsmanlike conduct.

1.14 Artificial noisemakers of any kind will not be allowed (ex. Horns, cans filled with rocks, etc)

1.15 Umpires and/or Tournament Representatives shall have the responsibility and authority to eject any team personnel or spectators for inappropriate language, body language, physical contact or any behavior deemed inappropriate. Ejections may be appealed to the Tournament Director and his staff.

1.16 Any ejected coach, player, or other team personnel is ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Illegal participation in the team's next game will cause an automatic forfeiture of the team's remaining tournament games. No Exceptions!

1.17 Any person ejected a second time makes participant ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.

RULE 2-MODIFIED POOL PLAY/STOP PLAY RULE

2.1 If home team is ahead at the end of drop dead time, the game is over whether or not the inning is completed.

2.2 If the visiting team is up at the time game is called, the score shall revert back to the last complete inning.

2.3 If the home team is up at the time game is called and they are losing the game, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.

2.4 If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called and the home team has tied up the game in that half inning, the score shall stand and not revert back.

2.5 If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called and the visiting team has tied up the game in the previous half inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

2.6 If the home team is up to bat and is leading, the score shall stand and will not revert back.

RULE 3: GENERAL PLAYING RULES

3.1 Pool Play games are 1:15 DROP DEAD (revert back to previous completed inning unless the home team ties or goes ahead when play is stopped)

Complete games are as follows:

6U – 115 no new or 4 innings

8U – 115 drop or 5 innings

10U – 115 drop or 6 innings

12U & 14U – 115 drop or 7 innings

3.2 Bracket Play games are 1:15 NO NEW INNING

-Must have a winner. If the game is tied after the last completed inning due to time, Tie Breaker(TB) will ensue the next inning.

3.3 Championship games

- 4 innings for 6U or 115 no new

-5 Innings for 8U or 120 no new

-6 Innings for 10U or 130 no new

- 12U, 14U, & HS is 130 no new or 7 innings

3.4 Inning Run Limits Per Division. Run up rule applies to 6U – 8U. When a team comes to bat if they are trailing they can catch up and go ahead by the allotted amount below.

If the team is tied or winning they can only score the allotted amount listed below.

6U- 8U - Five run up rule per inning

10U – HS are unlimited runs per inning

3.5 Pool Play - Round Robin batting all divisions (free substitution when batting round robin)

3.6 Bracket Play – 6U & 8U Round Robin batting for entire tournament

10U – HS . Bat 9 per USA **or** Round Robin (DP/FLEX rule in effect when batting 9 per USA.)

3.7 Line ups and coin flip will be exchanged 5 minutes before game time. Line ups must list Player's first and last name.

3.8 During Pool Play, courtesy runners will be the last out for the pitcher, catcher, or an injured player. During Bracket Play, courtesy runners can only be substitute players for the catcher and pitcher. One a courtesy runner is designated they can only run for that individual. Exception if Round Robin is chosen for team then last out will be used.

3.9 If a player is injured and is unable to return to the game they will **be an out for their first at bat** only and Removed from the remainder of the game.

3.10 A team must have a minimum of 8 players to play a game.

3.11 Game tied during pool play will stand. All ties count for 1 point, Win = 2 points Loss = 0 points.

3.12 Mercy Rules will be 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings and 6 runs after 5 innings.

3.13 Metal Cleats are allowed in the tournament for the 14U and HS Division only. **No Metal cleats at LIONS Field in Fullerton**

RULE 5: 8U MODIFIED RULES

5.1 Games shall last 5 innings or 1:15 DD in Pool Play and 5 innings or 1:15 NN in bracket play. Championship game will be 5 innings or 120 no new. Tie Breaker will be used if the game is tied at the end of the time limit in bracket play and championship game.

5.2 Round Robin batting for the entire tournament

5.3 Home plate is closed

5.4 No coach pitch

5.5 Steal one base per pitch

5.6 No drop 3rd strike

5.7 There will be a 5 run up rule used in every inning. Each team can tie the score and go up 5 runs each inning. If a team is tied or leading when they come to bat they can only score a maximum of 5 runs.

5.8 No infield fly

5.9 Courtesy Runners will be used only for pitchers, catchers, and injured players. A player is limited to running one time per inning.

5.10 Free substitution is allowed as long as the umpire feels it is not slowing the game down.

Rule 6: 6U Modified Rules

6.1 Pitching circle will be set at 30 feet with a pitching circle.

6.2 Coach pitcher must have one foot on the pitching plate when pitching

6.3 15 foot arc will be set from 1st base line to the 3rd base line. Any hit ball that doesn't pass arc will be called foul.

6.4 5 pitches will be thrown to player. If 5th pitch is fouled off, pitching will continue until ball is put into Play or player strikes out.

6.5 Player in pitching position must have one foot in the pitching position

6.6 There will be ½ way hash marks in between bases. When ball is put into play, the play will be called dead When the ball is thrown towards the circle and breaks the plane of the circle. If pitcher is not in circle, Play will be considered dead when pitcher enters the circle with the ball in hand/glove. Players will be awarded or returned to bases based on when ball gets to circle.

6.7 Complete game will be 4 innings

6.8 5 run up rule will apply each inning

GAME SCORE REPORTING

* The Umpire in each game in the tournament will have a "Game Card" to report the scores of their games to a tournament director.

* It is the responsibility of a representative from each team, at the end of each game, to verify the accuracy of the score.

* Official scorekeeper should communicate with Umpires to ensure consistency between the "Game Card" and the official book.

1. Win/Loss Record

2. Head to Head (every head to head game between any tied teams will be considered)

3. Fewest Runs Allowed

4. Most Runs Scored

5. Coin Toss

Protests

-Protests will be allowed on playing rules only and must be made before the next pitch-legal or illegal. Protests may not be made on judgment calls.

-Protests will be ruled on immediately by the tournament director and/or UIC. The game clock will stop. The protesting manager must be prepared to site the rule he/she feels is being violated.

- Eligible protests shall be ruled upon according to the USA code.
- Protest fee is \$50 cash payable at the time of protest and is refundable if the protest is upheld.

Clarifications

- If there is a delay in the schedule, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check the bracket boards and contact the Tournament Director for possible game time and/or field changes.
- All uniforms and equipment must meet USA standards as defined in Rule 3 of the 2023 Official Rules of Softball.

Sportsmanship

- Team managers are responsible and must have control of their players, coaches and team followers at all times including on and off the field of play.
- All game participants must remain inside the dugout at all times.
 - a. Only registered players, and a maximum of (4) coaches, may act as game participants.

b. EXCEPTION: Base coaches or as allowed by the umpire.

- The USA Code of Conduct shall be enforced throughout the tournament.

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- Artificial noisemakers of any type will not be allowed (i.e. horns or cans filled with rocks).
- Umpires and/or Tournament Director and/or UIC shall have the responsibility and authority to eject (out of sight and sound) any team personnel or spectators for abusive language, charging, bumping, shoving, striking, threatening to players, coaching staff, spectator, or team from the tournament or facility. Umpires and the tournament UIC shall also have the authority and responsibility to eject (out of sight and sound) per USA Rules and Code.

