



**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
- No step back is allowed with the stride foot. A Pitcher's stride foot may be on or behind the pitcher's plate as far back as desired. Once the pitcher initially sets the toe of their stride foot, they may not move that foot in any direction prior to the step/stride and delivery.
- Teams may bat a minimum of 9 & no maximum number of hitters
- Last available player may be used as a Courtesy Runner for a pitcher & catcher, in addition to substitutes
- Last Available Player is defined as the player in the batting order, not in the field of play, that is furthest from coming to bat
- 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
- There are no run rules in pool play games
- Any coach or player ejected from a game will sit out a minimum of the following game with the potential of a year based on the circumstances at Connect Sports discretion.
- The Sportsmanship Committee for Connect Sports will be the final adjudicator on all ejections and suspensions.

**Tie Breakers**

1. Record
2. Head to Head
3. Run Diff with +/- 8 max per game
4. Runs Allowed
5. Runs Scored



### **Tournament Rules in Championship Play**

- Teams may bat a minimum of 9 & maximum of 11 hitters (any combination of DP, 2 EPs, and Flex)
- Last available player may be used for Courtesy Runners for Pitchers & Catchers
- Last Available Player is defined as the player in the batting order, not in the field of play, that is furthest from coming to bat
- 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 a 80 minute 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
- Any coach or player ejected from a game will sit out a minimum of the following game with the potential of a year based on the circumstances at Connect Sports discretion.
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