

## $24^{\text {th }}$ Annual Corky Russell Classic 2023 Tournament Rules \& Regulations

The current USA Softball Official Rules and the Southern California USA Softball Rules and Regulations shall be enforced at this event and will be used unless otherwise stipulated in the tournament rules below. There is no brief reminder of these rules here, so please consult your rulebook, the Tournament Director, or the UIC if you are uncertain. Board members will be on duty to answer any questions.

## TOURNAMENT CONTACTS:

Tournament Director, Cactus/UIC-Tenisha Garcia 619-869-9330
Tournament Director, Melody/President- Paige Cox-619-518-5782
Site Director, Hillsdale- Kevin Beeman-619-335-6198

## FIELDS

- Montgomery Middle School (Melody) , 1570 Melody Lane, El Cajon, CA92019
- Cactus Park (Cactus), 10610 Ashwood Street, Lakeside, CA 92040
- Hillsdale Middle School (Rancho) 1301 Brabham Street El Cajon, CA 92019

NO ALCOHOL- AT ANY LOCATIONS. There will be Zero Tolerance NO TOBACCO, NO DRUGS, NO PORTABLE BBQ GRILLS
NO PETS ALLOWED - Melody or Hillsdale, per the school district policies Pets allowed ON LEASH at Cactus
(Those NOT displaying service vest will be asked to leave).

NO EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE. VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE FIELDS

## PARKING

Please reference the maps provided in this packet. Please give yourself time to find parking. Please only park, in a marked stall and beware of foul ball territory.


## HILLSDALE



CHECK-IN : Please locate the tournament table at each site for check-in

## All Managers must sign the Manager Code of Conduct form before starting play.

1. Check-in is required at least one (1) hour prior to your first game at the location of your first game.
2. All teams must be registered with USA Softball as a recreational "B" or "C" All-Star team. NO "A" TRAVEL TEAMS.
3. Each team must present a completed roster, proof of insurance, current year Photo or Non-Photo USA Softball ID card and proof of age for all players. Please see below for changes to acceptable check in documents.
4. Rosters are limited to 15 players and no player may be added after the start of your first game. No player may be on the roster of more than one team
5. All players must adhere to the USA Softball eligibility requirements for recreational play.
6. Rostering ineligible players will result in forfeiture of games played and possible disqualification from the tournament with a loss of all fees paid.

## Acceptable Documents

All individuals (Managers, Coaches, and Team Parent) on field of play or dugout shall be individually registered with USA Softball and shall have passed background checks through the USA Softball National Office. Proof of current completed background check shall be displayed.

Coaches: A. Each coach: USA Softball card (Alternative: Visual or Printed web page of your on-line account showing completed background check and completed the Safe Sport training
B. At least 2 coaches with completed concussion training certification, printed certificate or printed on-line account)
C. At least 1 coach: printed copy of their ACE certification

Players: Players should be individually approved and previously All -Star rostered thru USA Softball prior to the event. If you print your approved roster from the website and present at check-in then individual player cards and birth certificates are no longer needed. If this is not done, then the completed Corky roster, with card, birth certificates, and pictures will be needed.

SCHEDULE: Will be released via Tourney Machine no later than the Wednesday night prior. Be prepared to play at your scheduled times. Games may start early if both Team Managers and Umpire agree.

## GAME TIME

- Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be prepared to play at their scheduled time, no changes to the schedule will be granted. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the scoreboards or contact the Tournament Director for possible game time or field changes. Teams playing back-to-back games at different locations will be afforded a grace period.

Run-ahead (mercy) rule is 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings and shall be used in all games (pool and bracket).

POOL PLAY: Pool play games may end in a tie. Games will be seven (7) innings for $12 u / 14 u$. ( 6 innings in $8 \mathrm{u}, 10 \mathrm{u}$ ) or one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes no new, with a drop dead time of one (1) hour and thirty-Five (35) minutes for all age divisions. No new inning shall start after the time limit is reached.

In all drop dead instances: if the home team is ahead then the score stands, if they are behind then the score will revert back to the last completed inning. If the drop dead occurs at any time during the inning and the game is tied but the inning is not completed (i.e. the third out has not been made against the home team) then the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

BRACKET PLAY: Games will be seven (7) innings for $12 u / 14 u$. ( 6 innings in $8 u, 10 u$ ) or one (1) hour and twenty-Five (25) minutes for all age divisions. No new inning shall start after the time limit is reached and the inning must complete.

The International Tiebreaker (ITB) Rule shall be in effect if the game is tied after regulation. TB innings will be played in their entirety and are all open (no run rule). At the top of the next inning, when the visiting team is up to bat, and each half inning after that, the team on offense will start the inning with a runner on second base. This runner is the batter who is scheduled to bat last in that particular inning. For example, if the number-two batter leads off the inning, the number-one batter will serve as the runner on second base. It is not always the player who made the last out since that could've been a base-runner.

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

$12 u, 14 u$ Game will be seven (7) innings. Inning 7 will be open.
$8 \mathrm{u}, 10 \mathrm{u}$ game will be six ( 6 ) innings. Inning 6 will be open.

- All ITB innings will be open innings.


## GROUND RULES

- Trash: Please use trash cans provided at each site and field location. Each team is responsible for picking up and cleaning dugouts and bleachers in a timely fashion. Gross violators may have their game forfeited.
- Warm-ups. Infield practice is not permitted, foul territory and outfields may be used or outlying field areas.
- Dugouts. The team listed first or on the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout. Teams playing consecutive games on the same field will not be required to change dugouts.
- Home Team. POOL PLAY: Home team will be determined by a coin toss at the pregame plate meeting. BRACKET PLAY, the higher seeded team will be the home team. If two teams meet with the same seed, a coin toss will determine home.
- Scorebooks. The home team will keep the official scorebook. Each team must have their own scorebook and if they are the official scorekeeper, they must be ready to keep the official game record. The official scorekeeper shall not advise an umpire, coach, player, or spectator, of any procedural errors (e.g. batting out of order, illegal substitution) without first being asked by an umpire. The official scorekeeper is part of the umpire staff for the game and MUST remain impartial. The umpires must turn in the scorecard at the end of the game.
- Game Balls. Game balls will be provided and will be the only balls used. 1 new game ball per game.
- Awards: Each team will receive 2 MVP awards, one for each pool game to be decided and awarded to a deserving player on the opposing team. Championship Rings will be awarded for the Finalist and Championship in each age division.


## 8U AGE DIVISION SUPPLEMENTS:

8U - Walks allowed. No dropped third strike. No infield fly rule.

## TOURNAMENT LNE UP OPTIONS

- 8u MUST "bat around" the entire tournament. Both Pool and Bracket
- 10u-14u: Bat Around OR bat nine (9) or bat nine with a) EH or b)DP-Flex or c) DP-FLEX with EH
- USA Softball batting rules will apply. If a team uses bat-around:
a. They must declare their intention to bat around and list all players present on the line up card with no substitutions.
b. Bat around will be allowed free defensive substitutions.
c. Courtesy runners (for pitcher and catcher only) must be the last player to make an out who is not the pitcher or catcher.
d. Players leaving the game for any reason other than ejection will result in an out being declared for that player's next at bat only.
e. Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the lineup.
f. A batter-runner or runner injured on a play may be replaced on base by the player making the last out. The batter-runner or runner who was replaced must be removed from the game


## RUNS PER INNING

- 8u and 10u Special Rules. The 8u modifications adopted by USA Softball of Southern California for championship play will be used with the following exceptions:
a) Five (5) runs per inning run limit in pool and bracket play.
- 12u and 14u Special Rules:
a) Six (6) runs per inning run limit in pool play and bracket play.


## BRACKET PLAY

All teams will advance to bracket play. Teams are ranked within their respective pool by:

- Win Percentage
- Head-to-Head within pool (only applicable in a two-way tie)
- Run Differential
- Runs Scored
- Runs Allowed
- Coin Toss


## CONDUCT

All Managers must sign the Manager Code of Conduct form before starting play. Managers and coaches are responsible for their team, staff, and fans both on and off the field. Teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugouts after each game. No artificial noisemakers allowed. Improper conduct during games or anywhere on the premises may result in team disqualification from the tournament. Any coach or spectator that is ejected from a game will be required to leave the premises and out of sight and sound for the remainder of the game. A second incident of ejection of anyone associated with that team may result in the team's removal from the tournament. All decisions ruled by the site Tournament Director and/or League Board Member will be final.

## PROTESTS

1. There will be NO playing rule protests during poolplay.
2. During bracket play, all playing rule protests must be ruled on at the time of the protest by the home plate umpire, UIC, or the Tournament Director depending upon availability.
3. Protests shall be governed by USA Softball Rule 9 (Sections 5 and 6 will not be in effect).
4. Protest fee of $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0} \mathbf{C A S H}$ will be due at time of protest. Fee will be returned if you win your protest.
5. Eligibility protests shall be ruled upon by the Tournament Director if available or Board Member on duty according to the USA Softball Code.

## USA Softball of SoCal Standards of Conduct

Standards of conduct are part of the USA National Code and Southern California Rules and Regulations. Every ASA member shall respect these standards. A manager, coach, player, or other individual(s) affiliated with the team shall not violate any of the following:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct or any derogatory action on or off the field of play.
- Verbal or physical attack or threat upon an umpire or other USA Softball official.
- Destruction of property, abusive behavior, or violation of local, state, or federal law.
- Non-Payment of team incurred debt.
- All players shall be individually registered with USA Softball.
- All managers, coaches and team parents entering the field of play or dugout shall be individually registered with USA Softball and shall have passed a background check conducted through the USA Softball National Office. Proof of a current completed background check shall be displayed.
- Playing under an assumed name or falsifying an official USA Softball document.
- Writing a check to a USA Softball official, USA Softball team, individual or business that is returned unpaid by a bank for any reason.
- Commission of larceny perpetrated against a USA Official, team or individual.
- Use of any USA Softball logo or trademark without express permission.
- Commission of any act that is contrary to the objectives and purposes of USA Softball.
- Intentional forfeiture of a scheduled game in Championship Play.
- Competing with or against individuals or teams who are suspended from USA Softball play.
- Any other act of suspension as listed in the USA Softball Code and/or Procedural Manual.
- Team manager or coach shall not contact a USA Softball National Championship Tournament Director regarding "fill-in" berths.
- No player, coach or manager shall consume alcoholic beverages or smoke on the field of play, or inside/outside the dugout.
Violation of any of the above items may result in a team and/or individual suspension, or other appropriate disciplinary action.

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