

## NAFA National Rules 2017



1. As we support our Local Associations, a gate fee for the tournament entry of \$200.00 is payable to the Host.
2. NAFA rules apply.
3. Home team is determined by coin flip
4. Run rule is 15 after three, 12 after four, 8 after five.
5. Pool play games are 7 innings with time limit set at 70 minutes.
6. Bracket games are 7 innings with time limit set at 80 minutes.
7. Games that are tied at the end of regulation time will start the tie breaker rule. Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner).
8. Two umpire team per game.
9. Umpires handle all rule protests on the fields and with UIC if necessary. Eligibility disputes will be handled by UIC and the Tournament Director.
10. On deck batter may be placed to the back of the batter for safety purposes.
11. Please always check the brackets on the fields, coaches are responsible to make sure your team is in the correct game. The live brackets are for general purposes and not official.
12. Tournaments are pool play and then into a double elimination bracket tournament. Pool play must have a winner.  
Placement to brackets: In the Pools A1-A4 and in Pools B1-B4 you will do a blind draw according to finish. There will be 5 bags with labeled ping pong balls from 1-28. For example, if you finish first in your pool you will grab from bag 1 for seeds 1-4. If you finish 2nd you will grab from bag 2 for seeds 5-8. If you finish 3rd or 4th you will grab from bag 3 for seeds 9-16. If you finish 5th or 6th you will grab from bag 4 for seeds 17-22. If you finish 7th or 8th you will grab from bag 5 for seeds 23-28. After your last pool play game see the tournament director so you can choose your draw.
13. You can bat 9
14. You can use D/P Flex
15. You can use Extra Players 10 or 11. Batting rule is found on page 4 of the NAFA rulebook
16. Games can be shortened because of rain. Always check at the fields.
17. Coaches and parents who use profanity or other unwanted behavior, the tournament director or umpires can request people to leave the park.

### General Rules:

- Steel cleats to be allowed
- 43' pitching distance
- NAFA rules apply to play.