

2026 North Shore Girls Softball Spring Rec Tournament Rules

General Rules

- North Shore Rec Season and USA Softball fastpitch softball rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated herein. Note: Rec season runs per inning allowed will apply.
- Format: 8U single elimination bracket. 10U & 12U double elimination bracket with If Necessary game in effect. If Necessary game is played when the team without a loss in the championship game attains their first loss. The game is replayed to determine the champion.
- Bracket Seeding: Seeding will be based on the following.
 - Head to Head: the record between the tied teams
 - Fewest Runs allowed: Total runs allowed in all games
 - Run differential between the tied teams (maximum run differential per game is 7 runs).
 - Runs Scored: Total runs scored in all games
 - Coin Flip: a coin toss by the player agent
- Dugouts: The team listed first or on top of the bracket will occupy the first base dugout. Exception: for all games (pool play and bracket play), if a team is playing back-to-back games on the same field, they will not be required to change dugouts.
- Home team during bracket play will be the higher-seeded team. If teams finished with the same seeding home team will be determined by a coin flip.
- Home team will be responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and game ball.
- Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. Exceptions will be made for teams playing back-to-back games on different fields.
- No practice on the infield dirt.
- Game length: All games, except Championship games, are six (6) innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes no new inning. An inning starts immediately after the final out of the previous inning. The Championship game will be six (6) innings for 10u and 12u and 1 hour and 30 minutes no new inning for 8u.
- During bracket play, the international tiebreaker rule will be in effect after 6 innings, or if time has expired, whichever occurs first.

- Players: A team may play with 8 players without any restrictions or penalty. A team that plays with 7 players will have one out recorded at the end of the line up each time that spot in the batting order comes up (for the absent 8th player). A team may not play with less than 7 players. **There will be no call-ups and no borrowed players.** An exception may be made in the case of an injury during the game causing a team to have fewer than 8 players. All players must bat to be eligible to play a defensive position.
- Rules: Regular season player rotation rules are in effect the entire tournament.
- Pitching limits:
Bracket Play o All Divisions - Any player / pitcher may pitch an unlimited amount of innings

North Shore Girls Softball wants to remind all coaches, parents, and fans that while this will be a competitive tournament environment we all must set a great example for our players with appropriate sportsmanship and gamesmanship. We want everyone to enjoy North Shore. Let's all remember we are here for our players and in the end it doesn't matter whether they win or lose; we want them to have the best memorable experience possible and we should all do our best to make this happen.

Have Fun, Be North Shore and Go North Shore!