



East County Softball

Tournament of Champions (TOC) Rules

All Divisions

1. HIGHER SEED is home team. Unless otherwise specified or dugout occupied, home team has first base dugout, visiting team has third base dugout.
2. Dangling earrings, necklaces, and bracelets are prohibited. Stud earrings are acceptable.
3. One coach is permitted to sit on a bucket in front of the dugout.
4. The umpire will determine the official start time of the game.
5. Official score will be kept by the home team.
6. Unless expressly noted within, all other ASA rules (including tie-breaker) are in effect.
7. While this is a TOC, these are rec teams. As such, all teams are expected to abide by playing time standards : A continuous batting order rule is in effect with the entire roster batting and Every player shall play a minimum of two (2) innings in the field per game. No player may sit two innings in a row.
8. IF TIED AFTER REGULATION TIME, ITB
9. No pitching limits during TOC applies to all age divisions.
10. Each season the league will decide if TOC will be a single or double elimination. Double elimination tournament with championship game being winner takes all, regardless if first loss of winner bracket team.

8U Division

1. Bracket Regulation Game No new inning after 1 hour 25minutes.
 - a. An Official Game shall be minimum three (3) innings
 - b. A new inning officially starts immediately following the third out of the previous inning.
 - c. The umpire keeps the official time of the game.
 - d. The official scorekeeper will get the official start time from the umpire at the start of the game.
 - E. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** 6 INNING,no time limit, 6TH INNING OPEN INNING
 - F. MERCY RULE STILL IN EFFECT: ahead 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 10 after 5
 - G. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION TIME, ITB

2. Pitching distance shall be thirty (30) feet.
3. Four (4) run limit applies to all innings.
4. Ten (10) girls may take the field with four (4) girls playing in the outfield.
5. No Infield Fly Rule or Dropped 3rd Strike Rules apply.
6. Must bat around. No DP / Flex. Free substitution.
7. All walks are valid and batter will be awarded first base.
8. All batters hit by pitch (HBP) are awarded first base.
9. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
 - a. Courtesy Runners shall consist of the last out not currently batting or on base.
10. Runners are permitted to steal 2nd and 3rd base.
11. Runners are not permitted to advance beyond 1 stolen base following a catcher overthrow.
12. Runners may continue to advance if the defense makes a live ball putout attempt or a live ball has not been returned to the pitching circle. Ball must be returned to the circle for the play to end and to prevent runners from advancing.
13. Cold Home Plate. Runners may only advance home on a live ball, dead ball, or walk.

10U Division

1. Bracket Regulation Game No new inning after 1 hour 25minutes.
 - a. An Official Game shall be at minimum three (3) innings
 - b. A new inning officially starts immediately following the third out of the previous inning.
 - c. The umpire keeps the official time of the game.
 - d. The official scorekeeper will get the official start time from the umpire at the start of the game.
 - e. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** 6 INNING, no time limit, 6TH INNING OPEN
 - f. **MERCY RULE STILL IN EFFECT:** ahead 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 10 after 5,
 - g. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION TIME, ITB
2. Pitching distance shall be thirty-five (35) feet.
3. Must bat around. No DP / Flex. Free defensive substitutions.
4. Five (5) run limit applies to all innings.
5. Nine (9) girls may take the field with three (3) girls playing in the outfield.
6. Free defensive substitutions
7. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
 - a. Courtesy Runners shall consist of the last out not currently batting or on base

12U Division

1. Bracket Regulation Game shall be no new inning after 1 hour 25minutes.
 - A. An Official Game shall be four (4) innings

- b. A new inning officially starts immediately following the third out of the previous inning.
- B. The umpire keeps the official time of the game.
- C. The official scorekeeper will get the official start time from the umpire at the start of the game.
- D. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 7 INNING**, no time limit, 7TH INNING OPEN INNING
- E. MERCY RULE STILL IN EFFECT: ahead 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 10 after 5,
- F. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION TIME, ITB

- 2. Pitching distance shall be forty (40) feet.
- 3. Six (6) run limit applies..
- 4. Nine (9) girls may take the field with three (3) girls playing in the outfield.
- 5. Free defensive substitutions
- 6. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
 - a. Courtesy Runners shall consist of the last out not currently batting or on base.

14U Division

- 1. Bracket Regulation Game shall be no new inning after 1 hour 25minutes
 - a. Game time, new inning after ninety (90) minutes.
 - b. A new inning officially starts immediately following the third out of the previous inning.
 - c. The umpire keeps the official time of the game.
 - d. The official scorekeeper will get the official start time from the umpire at the start of the game.
 - e. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 7 INNING**,no time limit, 7TH INNING OPEN INNING
 - f. MERCY RULE STILL IN EFFECT: ahead 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 10 after 5,
 - g. IF TIE AFTER REGULATION TIME, ITB

- 2. Pitching distance shall be forty-three (43) feet.
- 3. Six (6) run limit applies.
- 4. Nine (9) girls may take the field with three (3) girls playing in the outfield.
- 5. Free defensive substitutions if batting around.
- 6. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
 - a. Courtesy Runners shall consist of the last out not currently batting or on base.

Special Rules

- 1. A game may begin and continue with eight (8) players. If a team cannot field at least 8 players within five (5) minutes of the scheduled start time, a forfeit may be declared.

2. "Pool Players" from a lower division are permitted, must bat last, must play the outfield only.
3. If a player is removed from the lineup for injury, they shall be deleted from the lineup without penalty.
4. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME-
6 INNINGS 8U AND 10U
7 INNINGS 12U AND 14U.