

# NORTH AMERICAN FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

## 2026 OFFICIAL "NAFA LAS VEGAS ROAD TRIP" TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams must enter their official roster on the Tourney Machine before the tournament begins so it can be evaluated and approved.
2. The Tournament Director will provide game balls and Line-up cards for each game if you don't have one. Line-up cards will be submitted to the Home Plate Umpire, and it must contain the starting player's last name, first name, uniform number and fielding position, and all available substitutes.
3. Teams may utilize a Designated Player (DP), Defensive Specialist (DS), and Extra Hitter (EH). These players must be listed on the official line-up card when submitted to the Home Plate Umpire. Players designated as the DP/DS or EH can be freely substituted on defense; however, the umpire must be notified of the changes. These changes do not count towards a player's re-entry. The player designated to play "defense only" must be listed at the bottom of the batting order and marked as Defensive Specialist (DS).
4. Runners - teams are allowed a Designated Runner (DR). The DR must be designated at the beginning of the game and may run once per inning; the DR may enter the game as a substitution for any player, however, you will lose the use of the DR for the remainder of the game. A Courtesy Runner (CR) is allowed for the pitcher or catcher **ONLY** and must be the last recorded out, unless it is the DR who can only run once per inning.
5. Teams are required to have nine players; however, a team may start/end a game with eight players (*Short-handed Rule*). If a team starts/ends a game with eight players, an out shall be recorded each time the ninth batting position is due to bat. Note: A team may not play "Short-handed" as a result of an ejection. The game will end in a forfeit.
6. A 10-minute grace time will be allowed only for the first game on Friday.
7. Home team for all games shall be determined by a coin toss prior to each game, except for the Championship game where the undefeated team is the home team.
8. All games shall be one hour thirty minutes. No new inning shall start after one hour thirty minutes; any inning started shall be completed, unless the home team is leading. The time limit shall not be in effect for the championship games.
9. Games that are tied after the time limit, the Tie Breaker will be used.
10. Any team leading by 10 after 4 innings, or 7 runs after 5 innings shall be declared the winner, including the Championship game.
11. Bat Compression Testing & Approved Bats: Each Bat must be examined and compression tested, if passed, then the NAFA Staff will **affix a current "NAFA approved Bat Stamp" on the bat**. If it is discovered that a batter completed his turn at bat with a bat that has not been tested (and stickered), the batter will be called out, runners will return to the base occupied at the time of pitch, and all outs made will stand.
12. Helmets must be worn by the Batter, the on-deck Batter, and all base runners.
13. Protests- All protests must be made in accordance with NAFA rules. A \$50.00 (cash) fee is required for any rule interpretation protest. The fee will be refunded if the protest is found to be valid. The Tournament Director and/or UIC will handle protests on site.
14. Players ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> or last inning of the game are only ejected for the remainder of that game. If the player is ejected in or after the 6<sup>th</sup> or last inning, they will be ejected for the next game as well as the remainder of the game in which they were ejected.
15. Any and all players involved in a fight will be ejected from the game in progress and their team's next game. Depending on the severity of the fight, the tournament director and game officials have the authority to eject players and/or teams from the tournament for fighting. No refunds will be provided to teams who are excluded from the tournament for violations of tournament and/or NAFA rules.

***The tournament director reserves the right to change field numbers, game times, and to restrict a player from pitching.***