

2025 Point *FASTPITCH* Classic Rules – 16U/18U

Governing Body: USA Girls 2025 JO Rules apply unless otherwise specified

Age Limit:  **2025 Tournament Age Eligibility**

Our tournament follows **both USA Softball and USSSA** age guidelines:

- **USA Softball:** Age is determined as of **August 31, 2024**
- **USSSA:** Age is determined as of **December 31, 2024**

Roster: No additions to team roster after first game.

Lineups: Due to Umpires, Scorekeepers AND Announcers - complete with numbers, first and last names listed in that order

Batting Order Pool & Bracket Play: You Must Declare One or the Other on your Lineup Card at the Coin Flip.

1. You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely. If a player is injured or disqualified and cannot bat, this will NOT be recorded as an out. The batting order will skip that position with no penalty and move to the next position in the line-up unless you drop below 9.
2. You may use the USA DP/Flex rules. If a player is injured or disqualified and the team has substitutes listed, a substitute will be entered into that position in the line-up. If there are no substitutes available, the batting order will skip that position with no penalty and move to the next position in the line-up unless you drop below 9.

Courtesy Runners: Rule 8. Section 10

1. While using the DP/Flex you must use your substitutes listed. If you do not have a substitute available, the option of a courtesy runner is not available.
2. While batting the entire roster, you may use the last recorded out at any time for the pitcher & catcher.

Home Team: Single Coin Flip in Pool Play - Rule 5, Section 1 Bracket Play Home Team will be the higher seed

On Deck: Always on the back side of batter

Game Length: 75 minutes. New inning starts as the last out of the previous inning. No Time Limit on Winner's Bracket Championship Game – Full Seven Innings, Run Rules Apply.

Pace of Play: 5 Pitches the first inning, 3 pitches the following innings (unless a new pitcher). NO INFIELD after the 1st inning. Please Hustle on and off the field between innings.

Official Scorer: Home team is the official scorekeeper.

Pitching Limit: None

Pitching Distance: 43 feet

Run Rule: 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings

Tie Breakers: Pool Play games can end in a tie. International Tie Break rules apply in Bracket Play - Rule 5, Section 11

Pool Play Tie Breakers: Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, Coin Flip

Dropped Third Strike & Infield Fly: In effect

Helmets & Facemasks: NOCSAE certified are REQUIRED – Rule 3, Section 5 E

Dugout: First team alphabetically will use the 1st base dugout, the second team will occupy the 3rd base dugout.

Umpire Decisions are Final

Metal spikes are allowed on all fields, except Zenoff fields.

Tournament Director reserves the right to invoke the *Inclement Weather Rules* at any time

NO MUSIC in the Dugout or Bleacher Areas & NO CHANTING

Harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward the opposing team, umpire or official will not be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejections, forfeitures and removal of individuals or teams from the tournament, without warning, by tournament official or an umpire