



OFFICIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

SCOREKEEPING

- Teams must turn in their official roster and signed liability release to the Director prior to playing their 1st game. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Home team will keep the official book and be book of record.
- Each team is responsible for submitting scores to site director.
- Birth Certificates must be available on game site at all times during the tournament.

STARTING/ENDING THE GAME

- Coin flip (by umpires) will determine home team. Higher seed team is home during playoffs.
- Teams may warm-up in the outfield grass before their game if time permits. Game time is "Forfeit Time" be ready to play. No formal infield/outfield is allowed prior to the game. No soft-toss into the chain link fence is allowed.
 - Time-Limits are established to keep games running on time and allowance for field preparation prior to each game and will be **1 hour 15 minute no new inning**.

➤ BATTING ORDER:

- Teams may bat 9
- Teams may bat 9 (with a DH)
- Teams may bat 10 (EH and DH)
- Teams may bat entire lineup if they choose if they bat entire lineup they must stay that way unless its because of injury.

- **TIES** stand in **pool play** to ensure staying on time during tournament.
- During the Championship Game there will be NO Time-Limit. Mercy Rules will still apply. (Inclement weather may require adjustments)

➤ PLAYOFF TIES:

- In the event of a tie at the end of time in playoffs or regulation play, the "Kansas City Tie Breaker Rule" will be used. IE: The last recorded put at 2nd Base and there will be (1) out, play will continue until a winner is determined.
- **Mercy Rules** applied: 8-run lead after 5 innings, 10-runs after 4 innings, & 15-runs after 3 innings.
- All teams **MUST** pick-up their trash and debris following completion of their games.
- All teams are asked to retrieve foul baseballs while playing in a game.

EQUIPMENT

NFHS Softball rules will be used when others not specified in this document.

UMPIRES

- Umpires will settle all field issues. Any protests will be presented to the Site Director with a \$100.00 fee, protest must be presented before the next pitch. The game will continue, if the protest is won (TBD later) the 100.00 fee refunded.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- All players, coaches and fans will be expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanship manner at all times. If a coach is ejected he will not be allowed to attend the next scheduled game.

SEEDING DETERMINED IN ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Pool Play Record
- 2) Head to Head matchup
- 3) Runs Allowed (Maximum 7 run per game)
- 4) Runs Scored (Maximum 7 runs per game)
- 5) Run Differential
- 6) In the event tie still exists a coin toss will decide it.

~ Rules not specifically covered shall follow National Federation High School Association.