

NYSA HOTSTOVE SOFTBALL Tournament RULES

(amended 4/10/2024)

ALL MANAGERS MUST SUBMIT SCORES TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AFTER EACH GAME.

- 1) Grievous individual misconduct on the part of coaches, parents, or players, on or off of the field, will not be tolerated. Please respect the parks and the park employees.
- 2) Anyone ejected from a game, or the field, will be suspended for the next two (2) games following the ejection. Gross Misconduct could result in ejection from the entire tournament. If a parent is ejected his child also is ejected from that game.
- 3) No protests allowed! Umpires will handle all disputes and their decisions are final. Please respect the umpires!
- 4) Coin flip for home team called by the team that traveled the furthest.
- 5) Game time is the forfeit time. Teams must have 8 players to start the game. Forfeit game is 7-0. Coaches are responsible for reporting the scores. Make sure we have all of your scores after each game and before you leave for the day. Winning team should enter scores on their dashboard.
- 6) All batters and runners will wear helmets. If chinstraps are attached, they must be affixed in the proper method.
- 7) Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
- 8) **Speed Up Rules**
 - a. After the first inning the pitcher may throw no more than 3 warm-up pitches between innings.
 - b. No infield or outfield warm-up after the 1st inning. Please exit the benches quickly, keep them clean, and keep the games moving.
 - c. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher allowed anytime. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out. If the last batted out is the pitcher or catcher, then the previously batted out can serve as the courtesy runner.
- 9) 12u/14u/16u/18u Stealing on release
10U Stealing after ball crosses the plate
- 10) Universal batting order may be used for all divisions
- 11) 14U/16U/18U - Pitching distance will be 43' and a 12" softball will be utilized.
12u Pitching distance is 40" and use 12" softball.
10U - Pitching distance will be 35' and 11" softball will be used.
8U- Kid/Coach pitch distance will be 30"feet. 8U machine pitch will be set at 35 feet and 35mph.
- 12) There will be 1 ASA umpire for all divisions. 2 Umpires for Championship games
- 13) 10U Division - No dropped third strike. No continuation No infield Fly
10U division may play with 4 outfielders
- 14) 12U, 14U, 16U/18U dropped third strike and infield fly are in play.
- 15) Game times – 1 hour 20 minutes **FINISH** the inning! In pool play games there will be a 1 hour 40 minute drop dead with no revert back
GAME LENGTH: 10u – 6 Innings, 12u,14U, 16/18U – 7 innings inning,– International Tiebreakers shall be used for **PLAYOFFS** at expiration of play time. Umpire will document official start time.
- 16) **LINEUP** Option's- Universal Batting Order (Bat all girls)
DP/Flex Option
Extra Hitters – 2 Max.
If using DP/Flex option only 1 EH.

17) Metal cleats are only permitted on dirt fields at the 14U 16U/18U divisions. NO metal cleats permitted on turf fields or in the younger divisions

18) No Guest players are permitted. All players must be rostered before the start of the tournament. Rosters must be submitted and must include First and Last name, Date of birth and Jersey number

19) Injuries- If a player is hurt and has to come out of the game a sub may be entered in for that player. If a team has no subs and the player can't continue, she will be removed from the lineup with no penalty. This is only for pool play or regular season games. That player if removed may NOT return to the game. If it's a playoff game and the player must be removed, and the team has no subs then every time that players spot comes up in the lineup it will be a automatic OUT.

Standings tie breakers

- Head to head if more then 2 teams tied then head to head goes out the window
- Runs allowed
- Runs scored
- Coin flip

