

Firecracker

2009 Girl's Fastpitch Tournament

RULES:

1. All Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
2. Check in with Tournament Director or Site Supervisor when arriving at the field. A copy of your completed ASA roster must be submitted prior to your first game. All team managers must have proof of age at all times and submit those if requested by tournament personnel. Age determined on January 1, 2009.
3. The Tournament Staff must have a local or cell phone number to reach the team manager during the tournament.
4. Home team will be determined by a coin toss in the press box or score area 15 minutes prior to game. If a team representative is not in the press box/score area 15 minutes before the scheduled game time, the other team may select to be home. Home team will occupy the third base dugout unless back-to-back games, then teams will occupy same dugout. Complete line up cards must be submitted at the time of coin toss. In the championship game, the undefeated team will be the home team. If the "IF" game is used, they will reverse home teams.
5. Tournament balls will be provided. Used balls in good condition will be used during the tournament. The umpire will bring the game ball to the field (***We promise not to use the infamous Wilson ball from the Copper Classic!!!***).
6. Game time is forfeit time, unless delayed by a late running game. It is your responsibility to check schedules, times and any changes prior to leaving the fields.
7. Game time will be kept by the scorekeeper and will start after the first warm up pitch is thrown. If you are Home team, have your team ready on the field to start warm-ups as soon as the pre-game meeting with umpires is over.
8. All pool play games will be played by the following guidelines:
 - A. 8 run rule after 5 innings or 55min.
 - B. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 5 minutes.
 - C. Pool games may end in a tie. If teams in a 4-team pool are tied at the end of their first game, a coin toss will determine which second game they play but a "tie" will be recorded for both teams.
 - D. Teams may bat their entire line up for pool play.
9. All double elimination play, with the exception of the Championship game, will be played with the following guidelines:
 - A. 8 run rule after 5 innings or 1 hour.
 - B. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes unless the game is tied.
 - C. The International Tiebreaker rule will go into effect at the top of the 8th inning or any new inning after the time limit.
 - D. *Championship games* --No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes. *"If" games* -- No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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RULES CONTINUED:

10. Each team will play two pool games. All teams from each pool will advance to a double elimination bracket play. Team seeding from each pool will be determined by the following:
 - A. *Three Team Pools*
 1. Won-Loss-Tie record
 2. If all teams are tied then:
 - a. Run differential
 - b. The fewest runs allowed
 - c. Coin toss
 - B. *Four Team Pools*
 1. 1st Place – Team with 2-0 record
 2. 2nd Place – Team that won 1st game, lost 2nd game
 3. 3rd Place – Team that lost 1st game, won 2nd game
 4. 4th Place – Team with 0-2 record
 5. If teams are tied then:
 - a. Head-to-head
 - b. Run differential
 - c. The fewest runs allowed
 - d. Coin toss
11. Any team that forfeits a game may be disqualified from the tournament.
12. The tournament committee will rule upon protests before play continues. All committee decisions are **FINAL**.
13. The tournament committee reserves the right to make rulings not specifically covered herein, which is deemed to be in the best interest of the tournament. All decisions rendered by the tournament committee become final.
14. No infield practice will be allowed on fields inside the base path. No hitting practice will be allowed anywhere into the fences or across walkways.
15. The one-minute between innings and conference rule will be enforced.
16. Please wait for the teams to leave the dugout before your team enters. All dugouts must be cleaned after each game by the team occupying the dugout.
17. ***Teams will not be admitted to the ballparks until 30 minutes before the first scheduled game of the day.***