



Charlton Softball Association
Tournament Rules of Play
Age 10 and Under Division
June 10-12 2016

Tournament Director
Bob Doiron
(Cell 508-735-4761)

The tournament will consist of two rounds, a weather permitting 3 game Seeding Round and a single elimination Championship Round.

Saturday Seeding and Championship Round match-ups will be posted at the concession stand on Allen Field.

Dugout assignments prior to pool play are **only** to minimize confusion and batting cage times. A coin flip will be used to determine actual home/visitor prior to start of the game.

1. Team coaches or representatives must have complete ASA approved and signed rosters and proof of player's age. Birth certificates and adoption records are acceptable forms of birth, if legible and not altered. The Tournament Director or his designee will check the rosters and proofs of age and insurance of the team at the Allen Field Concession Stand at least 30 mins prior to your first game. The Director will hold the rosters, and the proof of age packet until the team is eliminated from the competition. Packets may be picked up at the Allen Field Concession Stand site. It is the team manager's responsibility to pick up your birth certificates at the end of your participation in the Tournament.

2. Team listed first on the schedule will occupy the third base dugout and second team listed will occupy the first base dugout
3. A coin flip at the beginning of the game will determine the home team. For the championship round the higher seed will be the home team for all games and occupy the 3rd base dugout.
4. There is no full infield practice prior to start of the game. **Allen Field teams** may use batting cages in accordance to the following: 3rd base dugout assigned team has cage one hour prior to start time and first base side team takes cage 35 mins prior to start time. However either team must step aside if teams in current game need the cage to warm up their pitcher.
5. Team rosters shall be no more than 15, and no fewer than 10 players. Any team not able to field at least 8 players must forfeit that game. Forfeited games will be scored as a 7-0 loss.
6. No player can turn 11 before 1/1/2016.
7. **Each team is responsible for providing their team's insurance and first aid kits!**
8. Protests will be settled on the field. The umpire's decision is final. Any game suspended for any reason will be resumed from the point of suspension.
9. All players are to be included in a continuous batting order. If a batter leaves the game she will be considered an out at her time to bat unless the reason is for medical/health reasons. Free substitutions will be used in the field. **A team may field 10 players.**
10. **Stealing of second and third only.** The steal may begin upon release of the ball by the pitcher and the runner can not advance on an overthrow of a steal attempt. Stealing home will not be allowed.
11. A player may advance as many bases, including home, on overthrows.
12. No dropped third strike. Infield fly does not apply.
13. There will be no fake bunting and swinging the bat. Once a batter shows bunt, she will not be allowed to take a full swing.
14. No continuation on a walk

15. Games will be six innings and no new inning will start once the game has reached 1 hour 30 minutes. A six run rule per inning will be in effect. A 12 run mercy rule will be in effect after 4 innings, 7 runs after 5. Games in the Seeding round can end in a tie. In elimination games we will use International tie breaker which puts the last out on 2nd base to start the 7th inning. There is no time limit in the Championship Game. The home team score book will be considered the official score book. In the event a tie exists at the end of the seeding round, seeds will be decided by the following tie-breakers:

1. Head to head
2. Least runs allowed
3. Most runs scored
4. Coin flip

16. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher and will be the girl who made the previous out. To speed up the game it is encouraged to use a courtesy runner for the catcher.

17. All players must wear same color shirts with numbers on the back. All players should wear hats or visors.

18. **Helmets with chin straps are required for all batters, runners, and bat persons.** ASA requirement so be sure you have chin straps. Mouth guards are highly recommended.

19. The coaching staff is limited to 1 manager, 2 coaches, and 1 scorekeeper. Any discussions with the umpires will be by the manager only. There is no need for more than 4 coaches in the dugout.

20. **MVP pins (host will provide pins)** will be exchanged at the end of each game. No player should receive more than 1 throughout the seeding round. So check with opposing coach to see who has already won. A player who has received an MVP Pin may receive one or more MVP Pins in the Championship round.

21. Should the tournament be postponed due to inclement weather, the director will send out an email with the updated schedule

22. All other ASA rules apply unless otherwise stated above.

23. Once you complete your game, the home must text scores to Tournament Director – Bob Doiron 508-735-4761. Tournament results will be updated on tournamentbrackets.com. Simply search for the Charlton U10 tournament for scores and updates.

24. There are no grills allowed on the complex at Allen or Memorial Field and we ask that you support our program by purchasing food from the concession stand.

THIS TOURNAMENT IS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PLAYERS.

- **All players' coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all times, both on and off the field.**
- **Any inappropriate language will result in the immediate ejection of that person from the field area.**
- **No Taunting of any Kind!!!!**
- **Smoking is not permitted anywhere around the fields.**
- **No alcohol is allowed anywhere near the fields**
- **No open fires or barbecues.**
- **No Dogs**

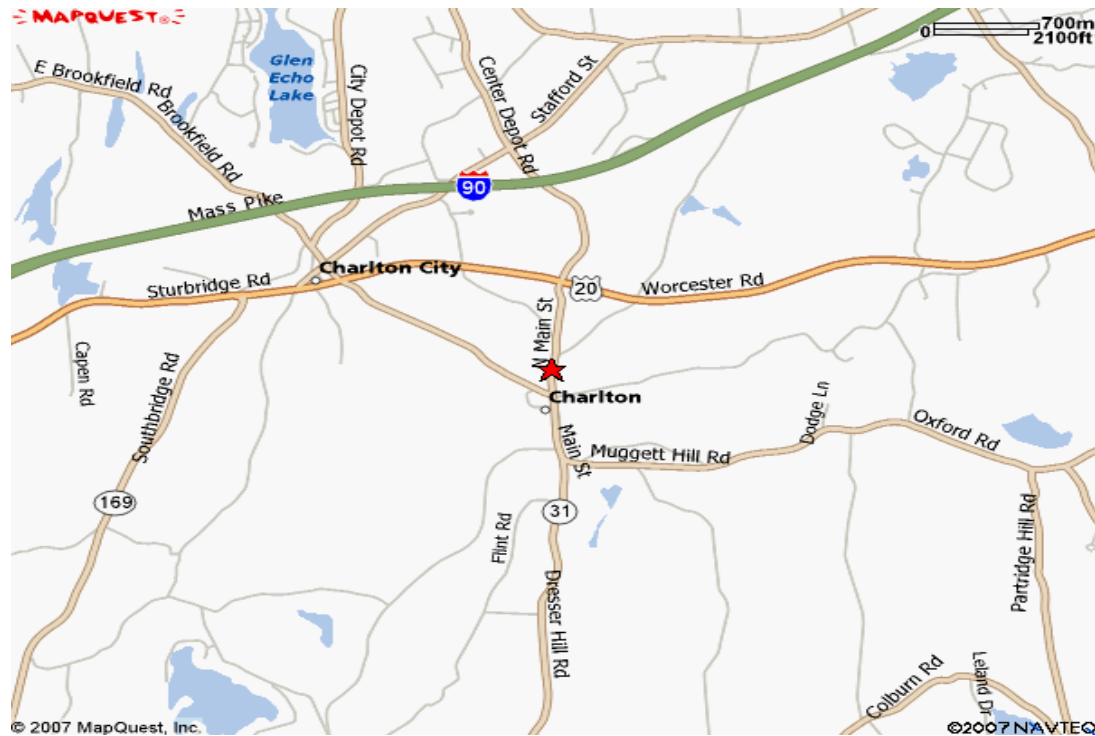
RAIN DELAY GUIDELINES

Every effort will be made to complete the tournament. In the event of a cancellation of the tournament anytime during the seeding round games, results for each age level will be reduced until there are a common number of completed games, with all games beyond the common denominator being thrown out. Once each team has a common number of games completed, ranking will be determined using Wildfire Rule 15.

In the event that the seeding round is cancelled, the Tournament Director will use his/her discretion in determining the best format to complete the tournament.

If the tournament is cancelled during the Championship Round, the Tournament Director will use the four factors listed in Rule 15 of the Wildfire Tournament Rules to determine ranking.

The Director will use the results of the "Championship Round" games only. The Tournament Director will only use the "Seeding Round" game results if there is less than one complete game for either tied team in the "Championship Round".



Directions to Allen and Memorial Fields Charlton MA

Allen & Memorial Field – 40 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507

From East: Take Mass Pike to exit 10, Auburn after toll booth get in right lane and take Rte 12 South Auburn Webster – follow Rte 12 to where it joins Rte 20 (same Rd) – follow Rte 20 to N. Main St Charlton (aprox.) 8.5 miles from toll booth – Turn left onto N. Main Street follow (aprox.) 1 mile to center of town- Library will be on your right hand side fields located behind Library Allen Field is on your right Memorial is on your Left

From South: Take Rte 146 to Central Turnpike follow thru Sutton into Oxford Center Go straight thru light in Oxford center onto Charlton Rd becomes Oxford Rd follow to the end to Muggett Hill Rd- Take a left onto Muggett Hill Rd follow past Bay Path High School to N. Main Street (Rte 31) Take a right onto N. Main St Library on your left fields locate behind Library

Charlton Middle School – 2 Oxford Rd. Charlton, MA 01507 - Follow above directions to center of town but go past the Library to your 1st left onto Mugget Hill Rd follow down the Hill past Bay Path and Middle School will be on your right follow driveway all the way to the end and softball field is located just past the fence on your left

