



2016 Sterling Summer Kickoff Tournament Rules

CHECK IN

Teams are required to check in at the Sterling Girls Softball Concession Stand (Griffin Road) at least 1 hour prior to your first scheduled game. You must present the following to the tournament director:

- OFFICIAL ASA ROSTER
- BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR PLAYER ID CARDS
- PROOF OF INSURANCE

INFIELD PRACTICE

Teams will be allowed 5 minutes of infield practice prior to their first game of the tournament only. Portable hitting nets can be used, but away from all game areas

JEWELRY & HELMETS

No jewelry is allowed during this tournament. Jewelry cannot be taped over. Medical bracelets may be worn, but must be taped to the body. Players must wear helmets with approved faceguards and chin straps. Our concession stands will have chin straps available for sale. ASA does not allow other association patches to be worn during this tournament.

GAME FORMAT

This tournament is 3 pool play games into a single elimination tournament. Time limit will be one hour, thirty minutes (1:30). No new inning will start after this point. Pool play games can end in a tie. For the Sunday single elimination round, the ASA tiebreaker rule will be used if the score is tied after 7 innings or is tied after the time limit regardless of inning on Sunday only. Sunday single elimination semi-finals and finals will have no time limit. Game time will be posted on the official schedule unless changed by the tournament director. Teams must be ready to play up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Line ups are to be handed to the Umpire and opposing coach a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The game clock will start at the conclusion of ground rules. Home team will be determined by a double coin flip during pool play. Higher seed will have choice on Sunday.



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DRAW

The tournament schedule will be sent separately.

WEATHER ISSUES

At any time during the tournament with the unanimous agreement of the Tournament Director, ASA Rep and the tournament UIC, abbreviated procedures may be initiated to allow the tournament to continue to completion. This includes reducing game times to 1 hour, reducing games to five innings, or reducing pool play. Teams are asked to provide the tournament director with a cell phone number and contact in order to communicate delays or changes to the tournament.

Tournament Rules: Governed by 2016 ASA Softball rulebook

Pitching Distance for U12 is 40 feet. Pitching distance for U14 is 43 ft.

ASA mercy rules will be in effect for all games. 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings. Seedings for the Sunday tournaments (and champion if necessary) are determined as follows:

- Wins/Losses

- Head to Head

- Fewest Runs Allowed

- Most Runs Scored

- Coin Flip

Note: A forfeit will count as a 7-0 win.



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Batting

For Pool play games on Friday & Saturday, teams will have the option of using a 9-player line-up (full ASA rules apply – including use of the Flex/DP player)

OR

Teams may use a continuous batting order. If a batter leaves the game, she will be considered out at her time at bat unless it is for medical/health reasons. Only players listed in the batting order are eligible to play in the field.

Non ASA Rules

A courtesy runner (CR) may be used for the pitcher and or the catcher at any time. The CR can be any player that is not currently in the lineup. If there are no extra players not in the lineup, then the non-pitcher/catcher who made the last out will be the CR.

Teams may play with 8 players, the ninth position in the batting order is to be recorded as an out.

Please announce all substitutions - to both the umpire and the opposing coach.

Game Results

All game results should be called in or sent via text (preferred) to Tournament Director at (978)-265-9833. Please include team names, game time, & final score.



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All results will be posted at the Snack Shack for review. Seedings for Sunday's elimination play will be emailed on Saturday evening.



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Field Locations

Field 1 / Field 2: 1 Griffin Rd. Sterling, MA

Houghton Field: 32 Boutelle Rd. Sterling, MA

Muddy Pond Field: 200 Muddy Pond Rd. Sterling, MA

