

## 2019 Meghan Burnett “Fly High “ Tournament Rules

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- **Rules:** All games will be played in accordance with the USA Softball Rules with exceptions noted in this document.
- **4 Game Guarantee** (Weather Permitting). 3 Games in Pool Play (Friday and Saturday). Single elimination on Sunday. Seeding for Elimination Round will be based on Standings after Pool Play. Tie Breakers after Pool Play:
  - 2-way tie - Head to Head results
  - Least runs allowed
  - Most runs scored
  - Coin flip
- **Time:** Games must start on time- No Exceptions. Games will be 1 hour, 30 Minutes. No inning may start after the time limit has expired. Pool Play Games can end in a tie. Elimination round games (Sunday) must produce a winner. The International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning or if the time limit is reached before the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of a tied elimination round game. There is no time limit for the Tournament Championship Game, but the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning if needed.
- **Run Rule:** 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings (4.1/2 innings if home team is ahead)
- **Reporting Scores:** Both Winning and Losing Coaches are responsible to report scores immediately after completion of games to the Tournament Director or his designated representative. If scores are not called in, any error in seeding will not be changed after the brackets have been completed.
- **Sunday - Single Elimination Format.** Same as Saturday except Championship Game is 7 innings with no time limit.
- **Team Documentation:** Coaches must have a roster, Birth Certificates for each player, Insurance Certificate and Evidence of USA Softball Registration. Failure to produce Birth Certificates on request will result in a forfeit. Players ages must be in accordance with the USA Softball Age chart for all ages. All adult bench personnel must submit to the online national USA Softball Background check process and complete the online USASoftball/ACE Certification. (ACE Certification is only valid for one season)
- **Restrictions on the field:** Only Players, Coaches, Scorers and a single Bat Person are allowed in the Dugout/Bench areas and/or within 10 feet of the foul lines. Players must wear matching Uniforms. No Jewelry.
- **No Infield or Batting practice** allowed on the Infields prior to the games. Teams may use the Outfield areas to warm up prior to the games.
- A **Double coin flip** will determine the Home Team for Pool Play games. Higher seed has their choice in Elimination Round games (Sunday).
- **Lineups** must be presented to your opponent and the Umpire 10 minutes prior to game time. The Home Team's scorebook is the official Scorebook. Scorers from each team should check between innings to confirm score. All substitutions must be reported to Umpire and opponent prior to Making substitutions.
- **Batting Order:** Continuous batting order in pool play IS an ASA rule and is available to any team choosing to use it

- **Courtesy runners** for Catcher/Pitcher will be allowed. Runner must either be the last out or a player not currently in the game.
- **Officiating:** (2) ASA Umpires for each game. The umpires will be doing the best they can and may not always have the best angle. They will always use their best judgement and any disagreement must be addressed appropriately and with civility. Coaches should always exercise a high level of decorum especially when in front of both teams and spectators.
- **Disputed Calls/Protests:** All protests must be settled immediately before proceeding with the next live pitch or play. Home Plate Umpire has the final authority on all protests. The Home Plate Umpire may consult with the Tournament Director concerning Special Tournament Rules. Only the Head Coach is allowed to discuss protests with the Home Plate Umpire. All protests must be presented to the Home Plate Umpire in a civil manner. The Umpire has the Authority to refuse to consider protests without discussion or consultation with the Tournament Director.
- **Ejections:** Any player or coach ejected from a game by an umpire will also not be allowed to participate in their team's *next* game. Ejected players are allowed to remain on the bench for the remainder of the current game *and* the next game. Ejected Coaches are not allowed to remain on or near the Bench/Dugout area for both the current game and the next game. (We hope this rule will not be used).
- **Weather:** The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format because of inclement weather ( including *impending* inclement weather) or other unforeseen conditions. These changes include but are not limited to shortening of games or eliminating games.
- **Rain Delays:** The Time Limit continues to be in effect during a Rain Delay (Clock does not stop during Rain Delay). Should any game be suspended due to inclement weather and restarted within the original 1 hour 30 Minute time limit, the game will be resumed from the point at which suspension of play was called.
- **Inclement Weather:** If a game is stopped due to inclement weather or other unforeseen reason and not re-started within the 1 hour 30 Minute time limit, the Score of the game will be official based on the score at the end of the last full inning played (or half-inning if the Home Team is ahead) A minimum of two complete innings must be played for this rule to be implemented.
- **Cancellations:** In the event of a rainout and cancellation of Tournament on Sunday, the highest seed from Saturday will be the tournament Champion. Refunds will be made only if the entire tournament is cancelled.
- **Additional Team Responsibilities:**
  - First Aid- Teams are responsible for their own First Aid needs.
  - Take the field promptly at the beginning and clear out of the bench areas promptly at the end of games.
  - Coaches are responsible to ensure trash is picked up in and around their bench area after each game.
  - After each game, please return all game balls to the umpires or field coordinator.

- **Fields:**

Mapleway=Wakefield  
Veterans Field- Wakefield  
Stoneham High School

**Mapleway Park:**

RECREATION AREA (2) softball fields, just off Oak St in Wakefield's Greenwood section - Fr: Route 128(95)N or S: Exit 39 (North Ave.) At ramp end, turn right if traveling northbound, turn left if traveling south bound. Proceed (one mile) on North Ave. to the traffic light at the intersection of Church St. Continue on North Ave. (7/10ths of a mile) Go straight through the lights at train depot and proceed to your next multiple lane traffic light at Main St. intersection. Take a right on Main St. You will soon go past J.J. Round Park on your left. After the park, take your next left, bearing left up a hill onto Green St. Proceed to your 3rd left and take it onto Oak Ave. It will merge onto Oak St. (BE CAREFUL HERE!) Take your second right which is Greenwood Avenue. Mapleway sign is on the corner. Fields are at the end of the road.

**Veterans Field**

From Route 128(95)N or S: Exit 39 (North Ave.) At ramp end, turn right if traveling northbound, turn left if traveling south bound. Proceed (one mile) on North Ave. parking lot on left just before the traffic light at the intersection of Church St. NOTE: for Saturday games prior to noon there is no parking at the field so take a left at the traffic light and proceed about a 1/4 mile to a stone church on your left. Take a left at that church and parking is available behind the church or on the street.

**Stoneham High School**

149 Franklin St, Stoneham  
From Route 128(95)N or S: Exit 38 (Main St/Rte 28 south)  
Travel south on Main St/rte 28 for about 1.5 miles to the center of stoneham and take a left onto Franklin street. About 0.5 miles ahead and on your right is the entry to Stoneham High School.