

Taunton Girls Softball League Invitational

Tournament Rules for 10U

July 12, 2019 – July 14, 2019

Please note that in order to accommodate town-based teams of varying abilities we have modified ASA Fastpitch Rules as noted below. It is not possible for us to have considered every possible scenario that can arise in a game. Therefore, we hope that you view these rules in the spirit they are intended and not scour the rule book for loopholes that can be exploited.

10U Playing Rules

1. Team coaches or representatives must report to the Tournament Director at least 20 minutes before first game. Teams must complete ASA rosters and have them available to the tournament director at all times.
2. All players must wear matching uniforms. Base coaches should be in team colors. Metal spikes are not allowed.
3. Protests must be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. The Tournament Director's decision will be final. No protests will be allowed after the game is completed.
4. Teams may play with ten (10) fielders. Outfield must play at least 25 feet off the baseline. Fielders may be substituted freely.
5. Continuous batting order will be used. (So every player on the roster will bat.)
 - a. If a player leaves a game for any reason other than ejection their at bat is skipped.
 - b. If player is ejected it will be an automatic out.
 - c. Injured players missing an at bat cannot return to the game.
6. Any team not able to field eight (8) players will forfeit the game. If playing with 8, the batting order will list a 9th player. When it is time for the 9th player to bat, an automatic out will be recorded.
7. Games will be six (6) innings or time limit.
8. No inning can begin after 1 hour, 30 minutes with no drop-dead time limits in place. Once an inning begins and time expires, the inning must be completed per USA Softball rules. There will be no time limit for the semi-finals and finals on Sunday.
9. Pool games may end in a tie. If an elimination game is tied after six innings of play, the international tie-breaker will take effect at the top of the seventh inning.
10. Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension.
11. Coin flip will determine home team for the pool games. Higher seed will determine home team for elimination games.
12. The home team will keep the official score.
13. Immediately after each game, both teams will submit the game result to the Tournament Director (or designated official). It is the responsibility of each team to go to the Concession Stand and submit the score. Teams have 30 minutes after the end of their game to dispute a score. After that time all scores are final.
14. The ASA Mercy Rule will be in effect: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.

15. Five (5) Run limit per inning both pool play and Sunday elimination games. Waived in the 6th or last inning.
16. Pitchers will pitch from 35 feet with an 11" ball. Only players will pitch; no coach pitch. Pitchers may give up an unlimited number of walks. Runners on 3rd may be walked in if the bases are loaded.
17. For the safety of the batters, the umpire will remove the pitcher from the pitching position in the event she hits three (3) batters in one inning or (4) four batters during the course of the game (bounced pitches will not count).
18. No drop third strike.
19. No "continuation". Batter may only take one base when awarded a base on balls.
20. Players may lead on release by the pitcher. Stealing of 2nd base, 3rd base and Home is permitted.
21. No infield fly rule.
22. No slashing (faking a bunt, then hitting away). Batter is out. Baserunners must return to previous base(s).
23. Courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher and catcher only. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out.
24. It is the responsibility of each team to attend to their first aid needs and supplies. Insurance is the responsibility of each team.
25. Each team is responsible for cleaning their bench after each game.
26. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the Taunton Girls Softball Complex premises.

PLAYOFF RULES

1. Seeding will be based on pool games. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.
2. Tie breakers will be used in the following order:
 - a. Team with the Most Wins
 - b. Head to Head Competition
 - c. Runs Against (Lowest of: Total Number of Runs Allowed)
 - d. Run Differential
 - e. Coin flip (or "names drawn from a hat" if more than 2 teams are tied.)
3. Higher seed will be home team. Coin flip will determine home team if teams are equal seeds.
4. Games will be 6 innings. During the first round and quarter finals, no new inning may start after 1 hour 30 minutes. There is no time limit for the semi-final and championship games.
5. In the event of a tie, we will use the USA Softball international tie breaker rule modified as follows:

- a. The player who is scheduled to bat last in the inning will start at 2nd base with the player batting after her in the order leading off in the tiebreaker inning. If a winner is not determined, the next inning and each inning thereafter, the runner will begin at 3rd base. Each team has 3 outs to try to score runs. This format is to be used until someone wins or the game is called at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
6. Tournament Champion and Runners Up will receive trophies.