

**Welcome To The
2021 12B / 14B Home Runs for Heroes Memorial Day
Tournament
May 28 - 30, 2021**

Taunton Girls Softball League
500 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780
TauntonGirlsSoftball.org

****NO DOGS or other animals allowed
unless indicated for medical necessity****

Check in:

- A. Managers will need to provide their signed USA Softball Roster and insurance binder by email before May 23rd. Please send them to Chris Rogers at cbr23@comcast.net.
- B. **All coaches will need to be ready to show their USA Softball background and SafeSport certification card supplied by USA Softball.** This is a requirement to be on the field and in the dugout. If a coach is not able to provide these credentials they **will be asked to leave the field immediately.**
- C. Be sure to check in with the tournament director at least one hour prior to your first scheduled game time. Check-in is at the concession stand located in the middle of the complex.
- D. One MVP pin will be exchanged after each pool play game on Friday and Saturday (**12U Only**). Please try to make sure that a different player gets the MVP pins after each game. The players of each team will select the MVP's from the opposite team. MVP Pins will be provided by Taunton Girls Softball League.

Conduct:

- A. Team managers and coaches are responsible for the team parents and fans on their side of the field.
- B. Any display of poor sportsmanship by players, coaches, parents or fans will result in automatic expulsion from that game and at least the next game at the discretion of the tournament director. Any coach being ejected must leave the area of the field immediately.
- C. It is the policy of the USA Softball of Massachusetts and its Commissioner's staff to enforce the Taunting Policy at all tournaments. We implore all coaches, players and spectators, etc. to refrain from any type of taunting. Taunting shall include any action or comments, which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, whether or not deeds or words are vulgar or racist. No artificial noise makers of any type, horns, whistles, etc... will be allowed.

General Information:

- A. All Pool Play Schedules and Sunday Brackets will be posted at the concession stand and can be found online [HERE](#)
- B. ALL ADULT BENCH PERSONNEL are required to complete the **USA Softball Background** checks and have their **SafeSport** card visible at all times during ANY USA Softball of Massachusetts event.
- C. USA Softball umpires will be used for all games. There will be one umpire for each pool play game for 12U and 2 umpires for each 14U game including all games leading up to the semi-final and championship games on Sunday. All semi-final and championship games on Sunday will have two USA Softball umpires.
- D. No hitting balls into the fencing.
- E. No soft toss allowed from outfield grass. Soft toss may be done from the infield foul territory area. There is a separate field for warming up located behind Field #3, near the walk through from the rear parking lot (located at Chamberlain School).
- F. Both teams must submit a lineup card with First Name, Last Name and Shirt Number to the umpire and opposing team 15 minutes before game time.
- G. Scorekeepers from both teams are asked to compare scores after each ½ inning and any disputes are to be settled immediately.
- H. Both teams are responsible for reporting game scores to the tournament director table in front of the concession stand immediately after the game.
- I. Full plumbing restrooms are on site and located on the side of the concession stand. In addition, portable restrooms are situated throughout the complex.
- J. Canopies, tents, and portable chairs are encouraged as there are no bleachers. Insect repellent is also highly recommended.
- K. On deck cages are located next to each dugout on all fields. For the player's safety, no on-deck warm ups will be allowed outside of the cages.
- L. Minimum of four games will be played (3 in pool play, 1 in elimination).

- M. All infields are stone dust.
- N. First and second place trophies will be awarded.

****These are public school grounds and everyone must adhere to the following****

- A. No open fires or barbecues allowed in any part of the complex, including parking lots.
- B. No alcohol.
- C. **No dogs or other animals allowed unless indicated for medical necessity. Please let your parents know that they will be asked to leave if they bring their dogs to our fields!**
- D. No smoking allowed in the complex.

Tournament Rules

The tournament rules can be found in the [USA Softball of Massachusetts Youth Fast Pitch Tournament Rules](#). Here are a few key rules we would like to point out.

Game Time Limit - Game time will be 1 hour 20 minutes and finish the inning. Then play one additional inning or half inning if the home team is ahead.

For Pool Play games if teams play all 7 innings and the 1 hour 20 minute time limit hasn't been reached, the next inning and the one additional inning will be played with the Tie Breaker Rule. If the score is tied after the additional inning the game will be considered over.

For Elimination games, if after the additional inning the game is tied, the Tie Breaker rule will be used until a team is declared the winner. Exceptions to this rule will be allowed in cases of inclement weather. The Championship game will be 7 innings (no time limit).

Batting Line Up

Teams may choose one of the following formats:

- Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex.

- Teams may bat up to everyone on their roster throughout pool play and elimination games.

Teams that bat everyone in their line-up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an ejection. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone. If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited.

Home Team:

Home team will be determined by a coin flip during pool play games. During elimination play, home team will be determined by higher seed and will have the choice of Home or Away. Should both teams be the same seed, a coin flip will be used.

Tie Games (See Rule 5, Section 11.)

Pool play games may end in a tie. During elimination play, games that are tied after 7 innings or after time has expired will go into the USA Softball tie-breaker rule.

Run Ahead Rule (See Rule 5, Section 9 A.1.B)

Game will be complete if a team is ahead by the following runs: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings. The run ahead rule will be in-effect for both pool and elimination games.

Parking:

- A. NO parking will be allowed on the main road leading to the fields or on the road leading into the complex all the way up to the parking lot (**Police take notice and will ticket and/or tow cars that are parked on the roadway**). There is plenty of parking at the two schools in the rear of the complex.
- B. Please be aware that there is a walk through to the fields from the rear parking lot (at the Chamberlain School). It allows you to enter at the back of Field 2, Field 3, and Silver Field.
- C. Parking in the spaces near the concession stand are reserved for umpires, tournament staff and team managers with team equipment only. Upon check-in, one parking pass will be provided to the team manager for their weekend use.
- D. Limited handicap parking is available near the concession stand. Additional handicap parking is available in all school parking lots.

Tournament Rain Policy:

The time limit continues to be in effect during a rain delay (Time limit clock does not stop during the rain delay).

- A. If a game is interrupted at the end of an inning, and at least four innings have been played, and time has expired, the game will be declared complete.
- B. If a rain interruption occurs during an inning, and at least four innings have been completed and time has expired, the game will be declared complete and the score at the end of the previous inning will be the final score.

- C. If a rain interruption occurs at any time prior to the completion of 4 ½ innings, the game will resume at that point and continue until 5 innings have been played. The game will continue after 5 innings only if the time limit has not expired.
- D. Games subsequent to rain delay will remain at 7 innings and a 1 hour and 20 minute finish the inning and play one additional inning. If in the tournament director's opinion all games subsequent to the rain delay should be shortened to 6 innings and a 65 minute time limit in order to complete the tournament on time, the games will be shortened.
- E. Rule D may be applied to any portion of the tournament. If the tournament returns back to schedule, games may return to the original time limit. This is all at the discretion of the tournament director.
- F. If the rain delay occurs on Sunday and it becomes impossible to complete the tournament, winners will be determined by the Round Robin tiebreaker rules if no games have been played. Otherwise, the 2 highest seeded teams will be declared the winner and runner-up.
- G. The tournament director does reserve the right to alter the tournament schedule and/or format in the event of prolonged or severe weather conditions. Ultimately the objective of the rain policy is to be fair to all participants and give everyone the number of games they deserve. The tournament director will strive to be fair to everyone, however there may be unforeseen circumstances that a totally acceptable conclusion may be possible to attain.

Refunds:

If the tournament is shortened due to weather, teams will be entitled to a refund based on the following formula:

- A. If a team plays zero games, the team will be entitled to their entry fee less non-recoverable tournament expenses. These include but not limited to perishable food, T-shirts, trophies, game balls and insurance. Tournament will provide USA Softball MA this calculation within 7 days of the tournament for approval. Once approved, the tournament director must send each team a copy of this calculation along with their refund.
- B. If one game is played, the refund will be 50% of the registration fee.
- C. If two or more games are played, no refund will be given.
- D. Tournaments must refund teams within 14 days from when the tournament was scheduled.