



El Segundo Girls Softball

Championship Tournament Rules

10/12/14U Divisions

A. Tournament Format:

1. Single Elimination Bracket
2. Regular Season, Intraleague (ESGS only) Results to determine Bracket seeds, as follows:
 - a. Win-Loss Record
 - b. Run Differential
 - c. Runs Against
3. Final game to be played on "Championship Saturday"

B. Game Information:

1. Game length will be 7 innings or no new inning after 1 hr. and 30 minutes, whichever occurs first. There is no Drop Dead Time. Umpire must declare which inning is the LAST. .
2. Once an Inning has been started, it must be finished. There is no reverting back to a previous innings score
4. The Championship game of the tournament shall be 7 innings. No time limit.
5. Game time is forfeit time.
6. **10U ONLY:** 4 Run Maximum first 2 innings. Remaining innings unlimited runs allowed.
12/14U: There will be no run limit per inning.

C. General Rules:

1. Higher Seed is Home Team.
2. ASA rules and ESGS rules apply, if not otherwise addressed.

Rules emphasized:

1. The "mercy" rule will be in effect. 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.
2. International Tie Breaker Rule (ITB) will be in effect for all elimination games. ITB consists of each team starting the inning with the batter prior to the lead-off batter of the current inning placed on 2nd base.
3. Pitchers may pitch unlimited innings.
4. No more than 9 players will be allowed to play defense at one time.
5. Regular season playing time/player rotation rules apply. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit.
6. Dropped-third strike is in effect.
7. Infield Fly rule will be used. Meaning, with less than two outs and runners on 1st & 2nd or with bases loaded, pop fly that could be easily caught by an infielder does not necessarily result in an automatic out on the batter if the ball is not caught. It is in the judgment of the umpire whether it could easily be caught.
8. Shorthanded rule is in effect.

D. Line Up Cards, Substitutions and Field Positions

1. Round Robin batting will be in effect. The DP/Flex rule will not be in effect.
2. A team must bat with at least 9 players in the line up to avoid the "short-handed" rule penalty.
3. Bat-Around Format will be used:
 - a. All batters must bat and run for themselves unless injured. If no substitutes are available when a batter or runner becomes injured and cannot complete their turn at bat or time on the bases, a courtesy player will be allowed to finish the at bat or time as a runner for that half inning only.
 - b. Courtesy Player (For injured player): When all play has stopped, the team member who made the last out, will be the courtesy player. Any batter or base runner that must use a courtesy player a second time due to injury will be removed from the game for safety reasons. When the player who has left the game due to injury and misses the next at bat, an out will be declared for that one time only. A player may be used as a courtesy player only once per inning.
4. An inning or a game can end with an automatic out.
5. An unlimited number of "free" substitutions are allowed at any time, during a dead ball situation, while on defense, except for pitcher. ASA rules still apply for pitching substitutions.