



Somerset Berkley Softball League



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Somerset Berkley Softball League Showdown Invitational June 5th - 7th 2020 12C TOURNAMENT RULES

All 12C tournament games will be played under USA Softball Fastpitch rules except where the following amendments take precedence.

1. Teams must check in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their first game. **Signed USA Softball Championship Rosters, birth certificates, proof of insurance, and 2019 USA Softball Background Check Cards must be shown at check in.**

2. All players must wear matching uniforms. Metal cleats are NOT allowed. In case of player injury (i.e. bleeding), the player will have a reasonable amount of time for uniform repair (umpires discretion). At this point, unlike uniforms are permitted and proper care should be taken to dispose of bloodied garments.

3. All games are 7 innings or time limit except for Semi Final and Championship games. No new inning will start after 90 minutes for Pool Play and first round of Elimination Play. Umpires will keep the official time. Semi Final and Championship games will have no time limit.

4. Pool Play games can end in a tie. No extra inning games will be played in Pool Play.

5. Both teams will keep an official record of the game and will report the score to the Tournament Director or designated representative immediately following the end of the game. Teams will have 30 minutes from the end of the game to dispute the score.

6. During Pool Play, 10 defensive players are allowed in the field and a team may bat up to and including all roster players present with free defensive substitution. Sunday Elimination games will consist of 9 defensive players and a straight 9 batting order with the option to use a DP/Flex. Team line ups shall be no less than 9 players. A team may finish with less than 9 players due to injury during play.

7. Courtesy runners will be allowed for the next inning's pitcher or catcher only. The courtesy runner(s) will be the last out(s) made.

8. Bunting and slapping are allowed, however, slashing is **NOT** allowed. An out will be recorded for a slashed ball. A slashed ball is a dead ball and all baserunners must return to previous bases. (***slash bunt** (plural **slash bunts**) (baseball, softball) A play by the team at-bat where the hitter assumes the position for a bunt and then changes grip and takes a swing at the ball.*)

9. There is a 5 run limit per inning, in Pool Play and first round of Elimination Play with the exception of the 7th or declared final inning, in which there will be no limit to the number of runs a team may score. Semi Finals and Championship Games will be unlimited runs per inning.

10. The following standard USA Softball run ahead rules will be in effect for all games: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings.

11. No part of the infield may be used for warm-ups. No soft toss or hitting of balls of any type against the fence.

12. For Pool Play, the home team is determined by a coin flip. During Elimination Play, the higher seed team chooses home or away.

13. We will be using one umpire for all Pool Play games and two for all Elimination games.

14. This is a zero tolerance tournament. If the umpire ejects you from a game, you are banned immediately from the premises for the duration of the tournament.

15. Protests **MUST** be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. Judgement calls by the umpire are not grounds for protest and cannot be questioned. No protest will be allowed after the game is completed. The Tournament Director and umpire staff will hear protests and make a decision. The Tournament Director will have the final say on any rule interpretation that is debated or anything else not fully defined in this document.

16. Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension. If we have inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the schedule, including reducing the number of games played, if necessary. A suspended game will be considered complete after 4 innings of play or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience should the weather become an issue.

17. Sunday Elimination Play seeding will be based on win/loss record from Pool Play (2 points for a win, 1 point or a tie). Tiebreakers will be used in the following order:

1. Head-to-head games
2. Runs against
3. Coin flip

NOTE: If more than two teams are tied, the above tiebreakers will determine the top place team, whereupon the tie-breaker rules would then be re-applied to the remaining teams.

18. In the event of a tie, we will use the international tie breaker (see USA Softball rulebook).

Rain Policy

Based on \$525.00 Registration Fee. No games played \$475.00 credit. 1 game played \$400.00 credit. 2 games played \$250.00 credit. 3 games played \$0.00 credit.

Complex Rules

Roy & Alma Ashton Sports Complex is on 90 Olympic Road, Somerset, MA 02726

No alcohol, grills, barbeques, or open fires.

Soft toss against any of the fences in the Complex is strictly prohibited.

Please use caution and drive carefully when traveling to and from the softball complex as it is located in a heavily populated residential area.

Please do not park vehicles on the lawn or grass areas of the homes located around the softball complex. Vehicles may be parked on the grass area along the guard rail on Olympic Road.