

2018 Taunton Girls Softball League Summer Burn Invitational Tournament

Tournament Rules for 14C July 26, 2019 - July 28, 2019

This tournament will abide by all rules and regulations as stated under **USA Softball FASTPITCH SOFTBALL** with the following exceptions:

1. Team coaches or representatives must report to the Tournament Director at least 20 minutes before first game. The tournament director will review the official USA Softball rosters and proof of insurance at that time.
2. All players must wear matching uniforms. Metal spikes are allowed. In case of player injury, (i.e. bleeding) the player will have a reasonable amount of time for uniform repair (umpire's discretion). At this point, unlike uniforms are permitted and proper care should be taken for disposal of the bloodied garment.
3. Home team is determined by a double coin flip for pool games; higher seed is home team on Sunday.
4. Games are seven innings or time limit. For pool play games, we will utilize USA Softball Rules: all games will have a minimum time limit of 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. Semi-Final and Championship games are 7 innings and have no time limit.
5. For pool games, we will utilize USA Softball Rule 7, Section 2F Number 4: "Bat up to and including all roster players with the DP/Flex" which gives a team the option of batting more than 9 players. All other USA Softball rules apply including those covering courtesy runners, substitutions and playing shorthanded. (see USA Softball rule book for details). For playoff games, we will use a straight 9 batting order (with the option to use a Flex/DP).
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7. We will be using two umpires for all games.
8. Pool games can end in a tie. For elimination games, we will use the international tie breaker in case of a tie (see USA Softball rulebook).
9. This is a zero-tolerance tournament. If you are ejected from a game by the umpire, you are banned immediately from the premises for the duration of the tournament.
10. The home team will keep the official scorebook if an official scorekeeper is not provided.
11. 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.

12. 5 run limit per inning rule/ waived in the 7th or last inning. Last inning, unless it is the 7th inning, must be agreed upon by both team managers and declared to the umpire before time limit is reached for the run rule to be waived. This is for both Pool play and elimination games
13. The USA Softball Mercy Rule will be in effect: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
14. Protests MUST be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. JUDGEMENT CALLS BY AN UMPIRE ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR PROTEST AND CANNOT BE QUESTIONED. No protest will be allowed after the game is completed. Tournament Director and Umpire Staff will hear protests and make a decision.
15. Tournament directors will have last 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 or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead. The score will revert to the last complete inning. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience should New England weather become an issue.
17. No slashing (faking a bunt, then hitting away). Batter is out. Baserunners must return to previous base(s).

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:
 1. Team with the Most Wins
 2. Head to Head Competition
 3. Runs Against (Lowest of: Total Number of Runs Allowed)
 4. Run Differential
 5. 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 7 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 tiebreaker rule modified as follows:

. 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.