Competition Rules

2020 USA SOFTBALL Rules with the following exceptions

ROSTERS

The roster size can be unlimited for the number of players on the team. Teams allowed 4 coaches (*1 manager, 2 coaches, and a scorekeeper*) in the Dugout. Coaches are not allowed to sit outside the dugout. A team can add to the roster all the way up to *Check In*. Birth Certifications are matched to USA Softball Roster and are mandatory at Check In. Rosters will freeze after Check In. Check In at Opening Event July 11; 1pm-4pm at APEX Entertainment or at Legends Fields July 12, one hour prior to teams 1st game. NO EXCEPTIONS.

TIME LIMIT/DETERMINING HOME & AWAY

Games will be played 7 innings. Pool Play> 1:20 finish Inning. Playoffs >1:30 Finish Inning. Clock starts immediately after Home Plate Meeting. A new inning starts after last recorded out. A coin flip will determine the home and away teams during Pool play. The higher seed during Bracket Play will have a choice of home or away. Champions Tie Breaker will be used during Playoffs to settle a tie.

CHAMPIONS TIE BREAKER

If a game is tied after all innings or the time limit reached during playoffs the "Tie Breaker" will go into effect. You start the next inning with the last 3 batted outs at their respective bases, one out and play the complete inning. This format will continue until a winner is determined. Pool Play games can end in a tie. Winning percentage determines team seeding.

INTENTIONAL WALKS

12U-18U Inform the umpire of your desire to walk the batter. No pitches have to be thrown.

MERCY RULE – ENFORCED IN ALL ROUNDS

A team that has a 12 runs lead after 3 completed innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, 10 runs after 4 completed inning or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, 8 runs lead after 5 completed innings or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.

STARTING LINE UP

Nine defensive players will bat or teams have the following options: 1. Bat nine players without the DP/Flex. 2. Bat nine Players and use the DP/Flex. 3. Bat up to and including all roster players without a DP/Flex. 4. Bat up to and including all roster players with the DP/Flex

PREGAME INSPECTION

For pregame inspection, all equipment shall be inspected by the umpire, and is to be placed outside the dugout/team area prior to the start of the game.

SHORTHANDED RULE

Teams can play shorthanded to start or continue a game. The game can start or finish with one less player than required to start (8). The game can continue with one less player than is currently in the batting order.

RE-ENTRY RULE

Starters may be replaced by a legal sub and re-enter at any time during the game as long as they re-enter into the same slot in the original batting line up. Subs leaving the game may not return to play.

COURTESY RUNNER/ TIME BETWEEN INNINGS

1 MINUTE BETWEEN INNINGS. Courtesy runners are optional for both the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out can run for your pitcher or catcher. If the player is the pitcher or catcher the next batted out in the line-up they will be the runner or a bench sub.

BAT REQUIREMENTS

Players may use up to 2 1/4" size bat. ***USA Softball has had a formal 1.20 BPF standard for fastpitch bats.***

DESIGNATED PLAYER (DP)

The Primary Role of the DP is to play offense (bats/runs) for the FLEX. The DP may play defense at any position.

FLEX

The Primary Role of the FLEX is to play defense only which can be at any defensive position. The FLEX player is placed in the FLEX position, a non-batting position listed last in the lineup. The FLEX may remain in the FLEX position for the entire game or may assume the DP's position in the batting order and play offense (bat/run).

INFIELD FLY

An infield fly is a fair fly (not including a line drive or an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort (rule does not preclude 13th Edition 21 outfielders from being allowed to make the catch); and provided the hit is made before two are out and at a time when first and second base or all bases are occupied.

TIE BREAKER RULES

1. Overall record (winning percentage).
2. Head to Head.
3. Total runs allowed in regulation games.
4. Total runs scored in regulation games.
5. Coin flip

BEHAVIOR

Any arguing of the judgment of balls and strikes will result in a team warning. Any repeat offenses will result in the ejection of the team member.

NOT COVERED IN THIS PACKET

> Refer to USA Softball Rules located online at the APP STORE or PLAYSTORE

Any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament committee UIC's & Tournament Director will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final. Champions Events reserves the right to amend tournament rules at any time for specific tournament play.