

USA SOFTBALL OF TEXAS – DISTRICT 39 - 2023 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Playing Rules and Tournament Information

USA Softball Rules for 2023 will govern in all tournaments 10&U thru 18&U. USA Softball of Texas State Pixie Rules for 2023 will govern all 6 & U and 8 & U.

1. The Team Roster for tournament must be turned in to the Tournament Director or his/her representative prior to team's first game of the tournament. The tournament roster must be signed by League President, Player Agent, or Tournament Director.
2. Line-ups (including substitutes) for games must be turned in to the official scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to game time. A copy of the game line-up must be given to the home plate umpire and to your opponent before the start of the game.
3. Flip of coin will determine home team. This should be done at umpires/managers pre-game conference by the home plate umpire.
4. Game time is forfeit time.
5. **GAME TIME LIMIT:** Pixie State Rules: Time Limit is 55 Minutes or 6 Innings whichever occurs first. 10&U and 12&U – 1 Hr. or 7 Innings; 14&U will remain 1 Hr.-15 Min. or 7 Innings.
Tied games will continue under the International Tie-Breaker Rule until a winner is determined.
6. A game called by an umpire shall be regulation if four (4) or more complete innings have been played. (3-1/2 innings if home team is ahead).
7. Protests will be decided at the time they occur. The game will be halted and a ruling made. Then, if applicable, the game will continue.
8. No infield practice will be allowed on the infield prior to the game.
9. All teams will be required to furnish all the protective equipment as outlined by the 2023 USA Rules for Girls' Softball.
10. Team must be in proper uniform unless specifically cleared beforehand with the Tournament Director or his/her representative.
11. **RUN RULE:**

6	Runs Per Inning	6U,	8U,	10U,	12U
9	Runs Per Inning	14U			
11. **IN ALL AGE CLASSIFICATIONS, WHEN TIME HAS EXPIRED IN A GAME,** the following guide will be used to end a game:
 - (a) In the event home team is behind by the allowed runs per inning (or less), then home team will be given their complete 3 outs for this half inning;
 - (b) OR, if and when home team should score enough runs to go ahead, then, the game would be stopped at that point;
 - (c) OR, if home team is behind by more than the allowed runs per inning, then, the home team would not come to bat.
12. Injury re-entry will be allowed.
13. All teams should be ready and prepared to play back-to-back games.
14. **IN THE 10 & UNDER:** 10&U will be played according to 2023 USA Rules.
15. **PICK-UPS:** FOUR (4) is the maximum number that may be picked up in any age classification. USING PICK-UPS, 12 WILL BE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER ON A TEAM ROSTER. EXCEPT FOR THE PIXIE 6&U and 8&U, Pick-ups Must come from a lower age classification. In the Pixie 6&U & 8&U, pick-ups must come from the team's own league from a team not entered in the Specific Tournament.
ALL PICK-UPS IN ALL AGE CLASSIFICATIONS, MUST BE FROM A HOME LEAGUE TEAM NOT ENTERED IN THE SPECIFIC TOURNAMENT.
IN ALL AGE CLASSIFICATIONS, PICK UPS MAY NOT PLAY IN THE PITCHER'S AND CATCHER'S POSITIONS.

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DOUBLE ELIMINATION AND AN OFFICIAL USA SOFTBALL BRACKET MUST BE USED.
2. AWARDS: Less than 5 teams: Fifteen (15) Individual Rings to First Place Team;
15 Medallions to the Second Place Team
Five (5) thru Eight (8) teams: Fifteen (15) Individual Rings to 1st and 2nd Place Teams
Nine (9) thru Twelve (12) teams: Fifteen (15) Individual Rings to 1st, 2nd Place Teams. 3rd Place-Medallions
Thirteen (13) & More Teams: Fifteen (15) Individual Rings to 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Places - Medallions
3. ENTRY FEE: For all age classifications is \$180.00.
4. ENTRY DEADLINE: 6 PM on the Monday prior to the tournament start.
5. BRACKET DRAW/NOTIFICATION TO UMPIRES' SCHEDULER: Each League Host will draw the bracket for each tournament as early as possible after the deadline so that the Umpire Scheduler may be notified no later than 7 PM on Tuesday prior to the start of the tournament.
TOURNAMENT HOST WILL INCLUDE ON THE BRACKET THAT IS POSTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE THE NAMES OF PERSONS (at least 2 names) WHO COMPRISE THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, along with the umpires of the game. These names will be given to the scheduler when the host calls for umpires.
6. Proof of USA registration is required for all teams outside District 39.
7. GAME BALLS will be furnished by the Host League and shall be ASA/USA approved
The standard ball used in 10&U (11", 44 Core, 375 Lb.Compression) will be used in 8 & U.
The ADStarr #5, or equivalent, will be used in the 6 & U.
8. PROOF OF AGE: If requested by the Tournament Director, proof of age must be available and provided.
9. Should unusual circumstances arise that require a decision, this decision will be made by the Tournament Director and his/her Committee.
10. EACH LEAGUE URGES EVERY TEAM MANAGER TO REQUIRE THAT HIS/HER TEAM CLEAN OUT THEIR DUGOUT AFTER EACH GAME.
11. NO LEAGUE OR LEAGUE OFFICIALS OR CITY WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES OCCURRING DURING THE TOURNAMENT. YOUR ENTRY AND PAYMENT OF FEE CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TOURNAMENT RULES AND INDEMNIFIES ALL PARTIES.
12. CITY ORDINANCES DO NOT PERMIT ALCHOL NOR DRUGS ANYWHERE ON THE PREMISES. PLEASE HELP EACH LEAGUE WITH THIS MATTER.
13. EACH INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL BE USA SANCTIONED AND ALL TEAMS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED USA TEAMS.
14. EACH LEAGUE, EACH TEAM, ALL MANAGERS, ALL PARENTS, AND ALL PLAYERS ARE ASKED AND URGED TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. THANKS FOR YOU HELP.

NOTE: ONCE A MANAGER AND/OR ASSISTANT MANAGER HAS TOLD A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (OR PERSON DRAWING THE BRACKET) TO ENTER HIS/HER TEAM IN A TOURNAMENT AND THE BRACKET HAS BEEN DRAWN, THIS TEAM OWES THE ENTRY FEE TO THE HOST. SUCH TEAM'S HOME LEAGUE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THAT SUCH TEAM PAYS THE ENTRY FEE.