



## Softball Rules

### Player Registration/Team Rosters

All players must register with a Government ID before taking the field. Players must register before the start of their Division's first elimination game to be eligible for the remainder of the tournament. No team roster shall exceed 15 players. Rosters must be submitted by July 25, 2014.

### Player Line-ups

Teams must begin and finish with 10 players to avoid forfeit. Teams may bat up to 12, using 2 extra hitters. Indicate EH on the line up sheet.

### Game Time

Game Time will be considered as Forfeit Time. Both managers must be ready with a completed line-up sheet 10 minutes prior to game time for coin toss when called by the umpire. Exceptions can be made at the site and/or tournament director's discretion.

### Home Team

Home team will be determined by coin toss during round robin and elimination games. For Championship and IF games, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

### Scorekeeper

Home team is the official scorekeeper. Scores should be confirmed at each half inning with the home plate umpire. It is each manager's responsibility to initial & confirm the umpire's scorecard and a winning team is indicated at the conclusion of every game. Once leaving the field the umpire's scorecard shall be official.

### Play

#### Pool Play, Double Elimination, and Semi-Final Games

Start with 0-0 count with a time limit of 7 innings or 70 minutes, whichever comes first. No courtesy foul. ASA run rule is in effect.

#### All Championship and IF Games

Start with 0-0 count. No time limit will be enforced. No courtesy foul. ASA run rule will still apply.



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### ASA Run Rule

- 20 runs ahead after 3 innings or 2 1/2 if the home team is ahead
- 15 runs ahead after 4 innings or 3 1/2 if the home team is ahead
- 10 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead

### Double Elimination Bracket Play

A random draw of teams with the same record will determine each team's seeding based on the following priority: 3-0-0, 2-0-1, 2-1-0, 1-1-1, 1-2-0, 0-1-2, 0-2-1, 0-0-3, and 0-3-0. Wins-Loss-Tie.

### Tie Games

Pool play games may end in a tie.

For all other games, except for championship and IF games, a ONE PITCH rule shall be applied:

Each batter gets ONE PITCH

- 1) Foul ball - Caught or dropped = OUT
- 2) Strike - Swing or Called = OUT
- 3) Ball - Batter is awarded a walk
- 4) Fair Batted Ball - Outcome of play

The last batter of the previous inning shall be placed on 2nd base.

Championship and IF games

- If a game is tied after 7 innings, the last batted out from the previous inning shall be placed on second base for all subsequent innings.
- No other rules shall be enforced.

### Bases

If there are two bags at first base, the ASA double bag rule is in effect.

### Home Runs (Over the fence per game)

- Open Division "A" Four (4) home runs, then 1 for 1. HR if not 1 for 1 will be an out.
- Open Division "B" Two (2) home runs. HR if not 1 for 1 will be an out.
- Open Division "C" One (1) home per game, then a recorded out.
- Open Division "D" no home runs, a recorded out.



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\*NOTE: When a home run is hit, the batter and all runners must touch at least one base and immediately return to the dugout to speed up play.

### Courtesy Runners

During a game, courtesy runners may be used for up to 2 players. They are not required to be identified ahead of time. Once those players are identified, only those 2 players may utilize a courtesy runner, if needed.

A courtesy runner is the player in the lineup who made the last out. In the first inning, with no outs, the last batter in the batting order shall be the courtesy runner. If a courtesy runner is on base at the time that player is scheduled to bat, a replacement courtesy runner shall be used (the last recorded out).

Failure to insert the courtesy runner during the initial stoppage of play forfeits the opportunity to use the courtesy runner until the player's next time at bat.

### Bats

Only ASA approved bats will be allowed for use. All bats must be marked and/or inspected prior to each game. Umpires will be using the current ASA non-approved bat list for bat review.

### Illegal Bats

Any illegal bat discovered during play will be confiscated and returned at the end of the tournament and recorded on the line up sheet. Any play that occurred while using an illegal bat will result in an out and all runners return to their previous base. Challenges must be made prior to the next pitch. Any bat accused of being altered shall immediately be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director/Site Director who shall confer with the UIC for further action if any is to be taken.

### Uniforms

Each player must wear a "team jersey" which must be similar in color, style, and must have a player/roster number as described by ASA rules. No Bandanas, Non Uniform Decorations or tied cloth is allowed on head, neck or body. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the umpire.



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### **All Exposed Jewelry and Loose Accessories**

Must Be Removed: This includes, but not limited to, all exposed body and facial piercing, rings, necklaces (of any kind / style), bracelets, wrist watches, earrings, pagers, cell phones, tobacco tins, unsecured sunglasses atop of ball caps. Medical alert bracelets must be taped to body. Non-removable jewelry must be concealed with athletic tape or Band-Aid type of material. This is for player safety reasons to avoid being snagged, ripped out and other safety related reasons.

### **Open Team Eligibility**

This is not an NAGAAA tournament, but for the integrity of division alignment/team placement, please refer to the 2013 NAGAAA player ratings and classification guidelines. There are no requirements for sexual orientation disclosure by players, in keeping with the spirit of the Federation of Gay Games principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™.

### **Player and Team Rating Protests**

Any protests must be brought to the attention of the umpire prior to the last pitch of the game. A \$200 (cash) protest fee shall be presented along with a protest form available from the field reps prior to the last pitch. The Tournament director, Field representative and site UIC will make up the protest committee. Any concerns during games should be brought to the attention of the Tournament director, Field representative, or site UIC. Together the 3 will make a final ruling.

### **Ejections**

ASA accordance: A player or coach may be removed from the game by the umpire, usually for an unsportsmanlike act or conduct. A flagrant act will require the player or coach to leave the grounds for the remainder of the game. A team may NOT continue to play shorthanded. If no substitutes are available the game is a forfeit. If the umpire and/or designated tournament official(s) deems the unsportsmanlike act or conduct as malicious, the ENTIRE team will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament. All previous games played shall be legal; all games afterwards shall be forfeits. Let's have fun and be good sports!



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### Player/Fan Ejection Penalty

Player/fan shall be removed from current game only. Tournament officials reserve the right to suspend and/or disqualify any ejected player for the remainder of the tournament play if ejection is deemed to be threatening in nature to another player, umpire, spectator, tournament staff, park patron, animals, or morally offensive.

### Tournament Integrity

The competitive integrity of all tournament play is paramount. All participants must adhere to the spirit and letter of the rules.

Gay Games 9 Softball Tournament Committee reserves the right to remove participants for any action that is illegal, harassment, threatening, unethical, and detrimental to the success of the event or constitutes cheating at the sole discretion of Tournament Officials. Tournament officials shall base eligibility issues on participants' current ability on the field while taking into account a team's total ability on the field. Participants are reminded we are here for Friends, Fun and Softball.

ASA Rule 4 Section 2 Americans with Disability Act rule applies (explained as needed by the UIC).