



Tremonton Parks and Recreation



Rules for Accelerated Softball Tournaments

The Tournament will be governed by the Official Rules as set forth in the ASA rule book with the exceptions noted herein.

1. **Rosters** must be completed online and in compliance with USA softball.
2. **Home Team** will be decided by a coin flip at home plate during pre-game conference. Championship game: undefeated team is home team. "IF" game will be decided by coin flip.
3. **Scoring** The Official scorekeeper will be a designated scorekeeper from the home team. Rosters/lineups must be exchanged by both teams prior to the pregame conference.
4. **Batting** Pool Play (Round Robin) and Bracket play may bat an entire line up.
5. **Courtesy Runner** Standard USA Softball courtesy runner rule will apply.
6. **Runs** Pool Play 12U and under- The batting team may score a maximum of six (6) runs per inning, even if the hit that produced the sixth run also produced a seventh run. So, if six runs score before there are three outs, the batting team takes the field and the defensive team comes to bat.
Bracket Play 10U and under - The batting team may score a maximum of eight (8) runs per inning
7. **Runs Rule** A game will be called if one team is ahead by twelve runs after 3 innings, ten runs after 4 innings, or eight runs after 5 innings in both pool and bracket play
8. **Game Time Limits** Official game time starts with the coin flip and will be kept by umpire on the field. Pool play (Round Robin) games are no new innings after 60 Minutes. Bracket play games are no new innings after 70 minutes with Championship game no new innings after 90 minutes. An "IF" game will be no new innings after 70 minutes
9. **Between Innings** To speed up the game between innings, pitchers only have three warm up pitches, two to the catcher and the other down to second base, unless a new pitcher has entered the game that inning.
10. **Tie Breaker**
 - A. Pool Play: A tie game at the end of regulation will be followed by one (1) International tie break inning. If game is still tied after additional inning game will be decided by coin flip.
 - B. Bracket Play: A tie game at the end of regulation will be decided by standard International tie breaker rules.
11. **Seeding** Pool Play:
 - a. FOUR TEAM POOLS
 - 1st place – Team with 2 – 0 record.
 - 2nd place – Team that won 1st game and lost 2nd game.
 - 3rd place – Team that lost first game and won 2nd game.
 - 4th place – Team with 0-2 record.
 - b. THREE TEAM POOLS
 - 1.WON-LOSS record
 - 2.If all 3 teams are tied at 1-1 then: A. Fewest runs allowed, B. Run differential, C. Most runs scored, D. Coin flip
 - c. Round Robin (4 or 5 team tournament): a. Record, b. Head to head, c. Fewest runs allowed, d. Coin toss
12. **Illegal Player** USA Softball roster rules apply and will be checked. If a team is caught using an illegal player; they will forfeit that game and will not be eligible for any tournament awards.
13. **Equipment** The USA Softball Uniform Rule will be strictly enforced for all age divisions. All coaches must wear ID badge when on the field. Game balls for this tournament will be provided.
14. **Smoking and Alcohol** There will not be any tobacco use on the field or in or around the dugout by any personnel! City of Tremonton prohibits the use of tobacco and alcohol at City parks.

15. Sportsmanship Any team personnel and/or fans who display unsportsmanlike behavior will subject themselves and/or their team to suspension from that game. If flagrant enough, it could cause suspension from the tournament.

16. Protests Any protest must be acknowledged and recorded before the next pitch, Protests are discouraged and should be the exception rather than the rule.

- a. Protests shall NOT be considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an umpire.
- b. Protests involving the misinterpretation of a playing rule; failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule on a given situation; and failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation shall be administered by the tournament UIC. The following must be followed:
 - i. Notification of intent to protest must be made to the supervisor, plate umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team captain, by the manager before the next pitch.
 - ii. Protests regarding an illegal player must be reported to the supervisor in charge by the Coach or Manager of the protesting team. Before the game is completed the supervisor will notify the opposing manager and the scorekeeper that the game is under protest. They will then check the field, copy rosters and the protest will be handled on the field at that time by UIC, ASA rep, or Tournament Director.
 - iii. During tournament play, all protests will be decided on the field by the supervisor/UIC. All tournament game protests must be made to the supervisor, plate umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team captain before the game officially ends and acknowledged before the next pitch is made. After the game has officially ended, no pretest will be considered.
- c. The Tournament Committee will rule on all protests except rule interpretations. The Tournament Umpire-In-Chief will rule on rule interpretations. Any game that is protested will not continue until decided on by the appropriate authority

17. Cancellation policy:

1. If a tournament is canceled by the Recreation Department for any reason, the registrant will receive a full refund.
2. Refund requests may be made to the department by phone or in person, stating the reason for the request. All participant refund requests are assessed a \$5 administrative fee per registration.
3. A full refund will be offered while the program registration period is still open. A 50% refund will be offered after registration has closed. Once Brackets are posted there will be NO refund. Expect Brackets to be posted Early.

18. Rain-out policy:

1. In case of a rain-out and NO games have been played, teams will receive a full refund that may be credited to another softball tournament.
2. If the tournament gets rained out and your team has played a game(s) you will be charged for however many games you have played. The amount charged per game will be based on the entry fee divided by the number of games guaranteed.

19. USA Softball Registration:

1. All teams playing in USA Softball Tournaments must be registered with USA Softball. All teams must show proof of insurance and all coaches will need to wear their USA Softball Coaches Card when on the field. USA Softball team rosters must be turned in before games may be played.

20. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make rulings not specifically covered herein which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Tournament. All decisions rendered by the Tournament Committee are final.