

31st Annual Poway Summer Heat Classic

Tournament Rules & Regulations



The current USA Official Rules of Softball and the Southern California USA Rules and Regulations shall be enforced at this event and will be used unless otherwise stipulated in the tournament rules below. There is no brief reminder of these rules here, so please consult your rulebook.

FIELDS

- **Aubrey Park**, 13544 Aubrey Street. **Directions:** From 1-15 exit at Camino Del Norte off ramp. Go East on Camino Del Norte which will become Twin Peaks Rd. at the intersection with Pomerado Rd. Continue on Twin Peaks Road to Community Road. Turn right on Community Road. At the first traffic light, turn left on Aubrey Street. Aubrey Park is 1.5 blocks down on the left. Park in the Aubrey Park parking lot, the overflow lot on the corner of Aubrey St and Midland Rd, or across the street from Old Poway Park on Midland Rd.
- **Rancho Bernardo Community Park**, 18448 W Bernardo Drive San Diego 92127. **Directions:** From 1-15 south, take exit 26 W Bernardo Dr/Pomerado Rd, turn left and cross over the bridge, you will make a left at the 2nd stop light entering into the parking lot. From I-15 north, take exit 26 W Bernardo Dr/Pomerado Rd, turn left onto W Bernardo Dr/Pomerado Rd, you will turn right into the parking lot at your first light.

Restrooms available at both locations. Concessions available at Aubrey Park and Rancho Bernardo Community Park.

NO ALCOHOL, NO ILLEGAL DRUGS, NO TOBACCO, NO PORTABLE BARBEQUES, NO EXCEPTIONS!!! The use of any tobacco products or the consumption of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing fields, including spectator areas and parking lots, is strictly prohibited. The failure by any team, including players, coaches, parents and/or spectators to abide by this may result in the immediate dismissal from the tournament, without a refund, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Officials. Pets are permitted at the City of Poway parks as long as they are leashed and under control.

PARKING

Parking is severely limited at some sites and the City of Poway will issue parking citations to all those parked in unmarked parking spaces at Aubrey Park and will tow those vehicles blocking traffic or that are parked in drop off areas, driveways, blocking dumpsters, or other posted areas.

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON YORK ST. OR SYCAMORE ST. near Aubrey

Park. Please do not park at the Midland Animal Clinic parking lot across the street. You WILL be CITED AND TOWED at your expense.

Overnight RVs are not permitted at any site. Daytime-only RVs may NOT take up more than a single space and are NOT allowed at Aubrey Park due to lack of turning space. TAILGATING OR EXTENDING OF AWNINGS IN PARKING AREAS IS NOT PERMITTED!

CHECK-IN

1. All teams must check-in at least one hour prior to your first game at that field. Note: A League representative will be on-site approximately (1) hour prior to game time.
2. All teams must be registered with USA Softball as a recreational "B" or "C" All Star team. NO "A" TRAVEL TEAMS.
3. Each team must present a completed roster, proof of insurance, proof of age, and an individual photo for all players. Proof of age can be an USA Player ID card or birth certificate; proof of insurance or a photo may be an USA Player Picture ID card and should be available throughout the tournament.
4. Rosters are limited to 15 players and no player may be added after the start of your first game.
5. All players must adhere to the USA Softball eligibility requirements for recreational and all star play.
6. Rostering ineligible players will result in the forfeiture of games played and the possible disqualification from the tournament without a refund.

GAME TIME AND DURATION

1. Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be prepared to play at their scheduled time; no changes to the schedule will be granted. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the scoreboards for possible game time or field changes. Teams playing back-to-back games at different locations will be afforded a reasonable grace period.
2. For pool play games the time limit will be 1 hour and 20 minutes no new inning with 1 hour 30-minute drop dead. For bracket games, no new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes (This does not apply to championship games). No drop dead in bracket play and games will not end in a tie. The time limit for championship games is as followed (8U and 10U, which will be no new after one hour and thirty minutes or six (6) innings, 12U and 14U will be no new inning after one hour and forty five minutes or seven (7) innings whichever comes first. In all drop dead instances, if the home team is ahead then the score stands; if they are behind then the score will revert back to the last completed inning. During pool play, if a game is tied after seven (7) innings

(six (6) innings for 8U and 10U), or time has expired, games will remain tied. During bracket play, the international tiebreaker rule will be in effect after seven (7) innings (six (6) innings for 8U and 10U), or if time has expired, whichever occurs first.

3. The run-ahead (mercy) rule is 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings and shall be used in all games (pool, bracket and Championship).

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Warm-ups.** Infield practice is not permitted, foul territory and outfields may be used. Grass areas are also provided outside of fenced areas at all parks. Do not use spectator areas for warm-ups.

FOR GAMES AT AUBREY PARK, DO NOT USE OLD POWAY PARK ACROSS THE STREET

FOR WARMUPS. Due to the field use permit requirements, all Coaches must use silent warm ups before the first game of the day on Saturday and Sunday morning (before 9am). Our field permits do not allow us to use the fields until the actual game time. No cheering, yelling or loud noise is allowed before game time of the first game. Penalty for violation of this rule will be forfeiture of the game.

2. **Dugouts.** The team listed second / home or on the bottom of the bracket schedule shall occupy the third base dugout. Teams playing consecutive games on the same field will not be required to change dugouts.
3. **Home Team.** In pool play, the home team will be determined by a coin toss at the pre-game meeting with umpires and coaches. In bracket play and Championship play, the higher seeded team (e.g. 1 is higher than 2, etc.) will be the home team. If identical seeded teams meet in bracket play and Championship play, the home team will be determined by a coin toss at the pre-game meeting with umpires and coaches.
4. **Seed Determination.** Seeding for bracket play will be determined by pool play results in the following order:
 - a. Win/loss/tie record;
 - b. Head-to-head (if applicable);
 - c. Fewest runs allowed;
 - d. Most runs scored; then
 - e. Coin flip.
5. **Scorecards.** The home team will keep the official scorecard. Official scorecards will be provided and must be used. The official scorekeeper shall not advise an umpire, coach, player, or spectator of any procedural errors (e.g. batting out of order, illegal substitution) without first being asked by an umpire. The scorekeeper must turn in the official scorecard, signed by both team's coaches, to the plate umpire at the end of the game. The umpire must sign the scorecard and return it to the designated location.
6. **Game Balls.** Game balls will be provided and will be the only balls used. 8U - Worth or Rawlings 10" RIF 1, 10U -Worth or Rawlings 11" RIF 10, 12U & 14U -Worth or Rawlings 12" Dream Seam.
7. **Bat-Around.** Bat-around must be used in pool and optional for bracket and Championship

games (exception: must be used in all 8U games). If a team uses bat-around:

- a. They must declare their intention to bat around and list all players present with no substitutions.
- b. They will be allowed free defensive substitutions.
- c. Courtesy runners (for the pitcher and catcher of record only) per USA Softball rule
- d. Players leaving the game for any reason other than ejection will result in an out being declared for that player's next at bat only.
- e. Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- f. A batter-runner or runner injured on a play may be replaced on base by the player making the last out. The batter-runner or runner who was replaced must be removed from the game.

8. **8U Special Rules.** The 8U modifications adopted by Southern California USA Softball will be used with the following exceptions:

- a. Four outfielders allowed. Must remain at least 10 feet behind base paths or on the outfield grass until ball is hit.
- B. 4 runs per inning.
- C. Walks allowed.
- D. No dropped third strike.
- E. No infield fly rule.
- F. Base Stealing - Only one base is allowed per pitch. No stealing home.
- G. Home Plate is "Frozen". A player may only advance home on a batted ball or an award.
- H. Pitcher must control ball in circle after a play.
- I. Must use bat-around lineup in all games (Round Robin) with free substitution.
- J. During pool play, there will be no penalty if a player cannot bat, except ejection (out every at bat).
- K. During bracket play, a player who cannot bat, for any reason, shall be called out the first time only and removed for the remainder of the game, except ejection (out every at bat).
- L. Should any runner become injured, a courtesy runner may be allowed for the injured player.
- M. USA (Mercy) Runs Ahead Rule in effect for all games.

9. **10U/12U/14U Division** The rules adopted by USA will be used except:

- b. 10U- 5 runs per inning. 12U/14U- 6 runs per inning.
- c. Six (6) runs limit during championship game.
- d. During Pool play, teams must use bat-around lineup (Round Robin) with free substitution. There will be no penalty if a player cannot bat, except ejection (out every at bat). Courtesy runners for pitcher/catcher (of record). Should any runner become injured when bat-around is used, a courtesy runner may be allowed for the injured player and the injured player must be removed for the remainder of the game with no penalty out.
- e. During Bracket play, teams may use bat-around (Round Robin), straight nine, DP/Flex or EP (Extra Player). If a player cannot bat, for any reason, the player shall be called out the first time only and must be removed for the remainder of the game.
EXCEPTION: If no substitute is available for an ejected player, an out shall be recorded each subsequent at bat.
- f. When using straight nine or DP/Flex, USA rules will apply for substitutions and courtesy runners.
- g. USA (Mercy) Runs Ahead Rule in effect for all games.

11. Championship Game.

1. 6 innings for 8U and 10U with a time limit of one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) and then finishing the inning, four (4) runs per inning for 8U and Five (5) runs per inning for 10U,
2. 7 innings for 12U and 14U with a time limit of one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45) no new inning
3. Game gets called for light or other circumstances the score will revert back to the last completed inning

12. NO Metal Cleats. Metal Cleats will not be permitted for any division other than 14U.

13. Conduct. Managers and coaches are responsible for their team, staff, and fans both on and off the field. Teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugouts after each game. No artificial noisemakers allowed. Improper conduct during games or anywhere on the premises may result in team disqualification from the tournament without a refund. Any coach or spectator that is ejected from a game will be required to leave the premises and out of sight and sound for the remainder of the game. A second incident of ejection of anyone associated with that team will result in the team's removal from the tournament without a refund. Multiple incidents across teams from the same league may result in the removal of the entire league from the tournament without refund at the sole discretion of the Tournament Officials.

14. Only rostered players and USA Softball approved coaches for the team playing are allowed in the dugout during the game.

15. No fan set-up in designated warm up areas please.

PROTESTS

1. There will be NO playing rule protests during any game; all umpire rulings on the field shall stand.

