

2025 Point *FASTPITCH* Classic Rules – 8U

Governing Body: USA Girls 2025 JO Rules apply unless otherwise specified

Age Limit: **2025 Tournament Age Eligibility**

Our tournament follows **both USA Softball and USSSA** age guidelines:

- **USA Softball:** Age is determined as of **August 31, 2024**
- **USSSA:** Age is determined as of **December 31, 2024**

Roster: No additions to team roster after first game.

Lineups: All players on roster will bat with players arriving late being added to the bottom of lineup. Free defensive substitutions. If a player is injured during the game, their spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty (an out being called) as long as their team still has 9 players in the line-up. If a team drops below 9 players an out is recorded when that spot in the line-up is at bat. An injured player that has left the game due to injury and where no out was called, may not re-enter the game.

Maximum of 10 players on the field. Four players must remain on outfield grass. 8 players are needed to start a game.

Courtesy Runners: Allowed for pitcher and/or catcher at any time (last out) – Rule 8, Section 10

Home Team: Single Coin Flip in Pool Play - Rule 5, Section 1 Bracket Play Home Team will be the higher seed.

On Deck: Always on the backside of batter

Game Length: 70 minutes with a Maximum of six innings - All Games. New inning starts as the last out of the previous inning.

Pace of Play: 5 Pitches 1st inning, 3 pitches the following innings (unless new pitcher) NO INFIELD after 1st Inning. Please hustle on and off the field.

Official Scorer: Home team is the official scorekeeper.

Pitching Limit: Pitchers are limited to three innings per game. (One pitch in an inning is counted as one inning). For extra innings, each pitcher is allowed to re-enter and there is no inning limit on pitchers. (3) warm-up pitches will be allowed between innings max. (5) pitches will be allowed for a new pitcher max. If the pitcher or team appears to be delaying, play will be resumed. This is the umpires' judgment.

Five run limit per inning, excluding the 6th inning if the game reaches that point.

One Base on an overthrow per play. Cannot advance another base on multiple overthrows.

No Walks. After 4 balls the batter will be pitched to by a coach from the pitching rubber. Same pitching count applies, the hitter is allowed the number of strikes remaining to put a ball in play (Umpire Continues to call Strikes). The batter can strike out on a player or coach pitch. Pitchers must reside in the pitcher's circle during coach pitch. The batter will be awarded first base if hit by an opposing pitcher. **After a total of 4, either 4 ball counts (walks) OR any combination of walks and hit by a pitcher that total four in an inning, each at bat for the remainder of the inning will be a coach pitch.**

No Stealing. Runners may leave the base for a lead once the ball has crossed the plate. Runners can take one base max if played upon. Max one base on an overthrow.

Pitching Distance: 35 feet

Run Rule: 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4, innings, 8 after 5 innings

Tie Breakers: Pool Play games can end in a tie. International Tie Break rules apply in Bracket Play - Rule 5, Section 11

Pool Play Tie Breakers: Head to Head, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored, Coin Flip

No Bunting, Dropped Third Strike or Infield Fly.

Helmets & facemask: NOCSAE certified are REQUIRED— Rule 3, Section 5, E

Dugout: First team alphabetically will use the 1st base dugout and the second team will use the 3rd base dugout.

Coaches: On Defense - One Coach Allowed in the Outfield + One Coach On the Backstop to retrieve passed balls

Umpire Decisions Are Final

No metal spikes allowed on Zenoff Turf Fields - Plastic Molded Spikes, Turf Shoes, Tennis Shoes

Tournament Director reserves the right to invoke the Inclement Weather Rules at any time

NO MUSIC in the dugout or bleacher areas. Also, NO CHANTING.

Harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward the opposing team, umpire or official will not be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejections, forfeitures and removal of individuals or teams from the tournament, without warning by tournament official or an umpire