



USA Softball of Southern California

Santee

2023 "BRING ON THE HEAT" Tournament

Tournament Rules

LOCATIONS: NO Overnight RV Parking / NO Barbeques

Town Center Community Park Softball Fields located on the corner of Cuyamaca Street and River Park Drive- just South of Rio Seco Elementary School (9545 Cuyamaca Street) Or Sportsplex USA Santee located at 9951 Riverwalk Dr. Both Locations are within walking distance of one another. Majority of parking will be available at Sportsplex with limited parking at Santee's Fields.

The current USA Softball of Southern California Official Rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated.

1. Check-in

- A. Check-in at the registration desk one hour prior to your first game. Check-in is available **ONLY** at the Town Center Community Park location on Cuyamaca Street and River Park Drive.
- B. Must supply completed roster, proof of age, and proof of insurance, or VDT cards.
- C. Rosters are limited to 15 players. No player can be added after check-in.

2. Game play

- A. Game time is forfeit time; exception: early Friday games- 10-minute grace period
- B. A game may start when 8 players are present. However, an "out" will be incurred **every time** the "missing" spot comes up in the order.
- C. Time Limit:
 - Pool Play: 1 hour 20 min DROP DEAD- if time expires, complete current at bat, score reverts to last completed inning unless game is tied or home team is winning
 - Bracket Play: 1 hour 20 min NO NEW INNING, if home team is ahead in runs game is complete
 - OR 7 innings (8u- 6 innings pool & bracket: Exception 8u Silver Championship 5 innings)
- D. During pool play, games may end in a tie. During bracket play there must be a winner therefore the "international tie-breaker" rule shall be in effect.
- E. Championship games **will not** have a time limit.
 - 8u Silver- 5 innings
 - 8u Gold- 6 innings
 - 10u, 12u, 14u- 7 innings
- F. Line Up: Teams have the option of batting their entire line-up or using D/P Flex and/or EP. All teams must abide by USA Softball of Southern California rules for Line ups.
- G. Mercy Rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings

H. Run Limits:

- 8U- 5 runs per inning
- 10U- 5 runs per inning
- 12U & 14U- no run per inning limit

3. Ground rules

- A. No practice on infield dirt. Teams may warm up between the foul line and the fence.
- B. The team listed first or on the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout. Exception: teams playing consecutive games on the same field will not be asked to move.
- C. Home team:
 - Pool Play- COIN TOSS at the pre-game meeting with Umpire and Manager
 - Bracket/Championship: Higher Seed
- D. Official scorekeeper: Home Team- Game Changer or paper book are acceptable.
- F. Each team is responsible for cleaning the dugout thoroughly after each game.
- G. Game balls will be provided:
 - 8u- RIF 1 or similar
 - 10u- RIF 10 or similar
 - 12u & 14u- Dream Seam or similar
- H. No artificial noisemakers allowed.
- I. **No alcoholic beverages.**
- J. Team managers must have control of their players, coaches, parents, and fans at all times, on and off the field of play. Managers and teams may be subject to ejection for misconduct.

4. Protests

- A. All protests will be finalized on the field at the time of the protest by the home plate umpire and tournament officials.
- B. Protests must be limited to misapplication of rules. Judgment calls by the umpires cannot be protested.

5. 8U Special Rules

- A. Stealing: USA Softball rules for 8U: One base per pitch, no Stealing home
- B. No dropped third strike.
- C. No infield fly rule.
- D. Run Limit: 8U - 5 run limit per inning in all games
- E. 8U Championship Game:
 - GOLD: 6 innings
 - SILVER: 5 innings

6. Bracket seeding

All teams advance to single elimination bracket play. Seeding will be based on the following criteria:

1. Won, loss, tie record
2. Head to head results (2 teams only)
3. Runs allowed
4. Runs scored
5. Coin toss

HAVE FUN AND PLAY HARD!