

NeoSoftball

TOURNAMENT MEETING (6/22/25 Randolph Town Hall)

- ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:
- Next Season
 - How to propose rules changes (rep meeting 8/10/25 proposals. 10/19 vote on proposals)
 - Schedule of Events (posted online by September-October for the following year)
 - Fall Ball: Registration through 7/13 (late fee 7/14-7/18)
- Umpires:
 - Ground Rules should be 5-7 minutes prior to the game so the game starts on time
 - Pay ump fee at plate prior to game (at ground rules)
 - Provide **At least one new ball per team (have additional good backups available)**
 - Ump Fees:
 - **\$30/team (\$60 total) per game. NOTE: championship games are \$50 per team (for two umpires)**
 - Contact your rep for your local area's reimbursement policy
 - Appeals during game
 - Manager should request time and make the appeal calmly to the umpire
 - Only ruling issues/concerns should be appealed (rules, not judgment)
 - Behavior
 - Managers are responsible for defusing any potential tensions ("chirping") from their parents/coaches to prevent any issues
 - No smoking or vaping near the fields
 - No foul or inappropriate language
 - Only rostered kids/coaches in dugouts & on the field
 - Keep things in perspective (it's youth ball) – let's have fun and civil games for the kids
- Host locations
 - See brackets
 - Directions online
- Rainout Notification
 - The host area makes the call on playability before games (I will notify teams), but the umpire will make the call once games start
 - If on rain delay, don't leave the venue until it is cleared by Corey or LeeAnn (we may resume games)
 - Delays/updates will be posted to the SportsEngine managers' group.
- Score reporting should be posted to the SportsEngine managers' group (please keep all the info in one post)
- Player of the game: Managers will select a deserving "player of the game" from the opposing team each game (A shirt will be provided to each team each game. Additional sizes may be available at concessions to exchange)
- Rules
 - 2HR time limit, mercy rule, and run limits still in effect (unlimited in 6th got 10u, 7th for 12U and 14U). NOTE: Championship games are the only ones that do not have a time limit.
 - Can't end in tie (each team will have their last out placed on 2nd base at the start of the following inning)
 - Minimum Players
 - 8 players is an automatic out at the missing player's spot (7 players is a forfeit)
 - If a player leaves the game, it is not an out if 9 or more players remain (just skip them is 9 or more players)
 - Coaches should stay 5'-7' from the foul lines if there's no coaches box (so you don't push/pull/assist runners)
- Scorekeeping
 - Higher seed is Home Team (seed remains the same throughout the tournament)
 - Make sure to note the start time (and suspended game time due to rain, if applicable)
 - Home book is technically the official book (so make sure to square up books every half or full inning)
- Seeding/Brackets
 - Gold vs Silver (Standings)
 - Trophies/Medallions: champions and runners-up in gold and silver, if applicable
 - Updated Brackets will be posted online with field #'s (and periodically after each round/day)