

## Welcome

 To the 8C Nor Cal Championships!
## TOURNAMENT STAFF

- Vince DeFriese - Tournament Director
- Vanessa O'Laughlin - Assistant Tournament Director


Sandy Scott
Diane Hafoka

- Nick Schapiro
- Onsite Support Staff

Nor Cal Office Manager
Nor Cal Office Administrator JO Commissioner

| - | Sam Ducato |  | Sean Beaton |
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| - | Ed Wong |  | Jeff Pratt |
| - | Rick Solis | - | Kevin Hager |
| - | Jill Suico | - | Lisa Hager |
| - | Tina Garza |  | Ken Larson |

## Tournament Umpire Staff

## Kevin Hager

Umpire-in-Chief
Jill Suico
Deputy Umpire-in-Chief / Umpire Evaluator
Jeff Pratt
Assigner / Bat Testing
Lisa Hager
Umpire Coordinator

## CHECK IN

- Check in will be 2 hours prior to your first scheduled game
- Original Championship Rosters
- Player Electronic Photo ID Cards
- Coaches ACE Education Cards
- Manager Information requested
- Hotel, Telephone Information


## Tournament Headquarters

NorCal Staff members will be at:

- Salinas Sports building area - operations \& paperwork


## Master Bracket

- At entrance to the building
- Online through TourneyMachine App


## Salinas Sports Complex Rules

## Gate fee will be charged for spectators.

- DAILY GATE FEE: All players and 4 coaches will be allowed in for FREE! (Coaches will have to sign in at the front gate)

Gate fees are $\$ 8.00$ adult (18-64), $\$ 5.00$ senior (65 \& up), $\$ 3.00$ Child (6-17), and Free (5 \& under). Cash is only accepted for gate fee.

- No outside foods/beverages allowed in the Facility. One team ice chest with water and/or sports drinks is allowed per team. Team ice chest will be checked at the front gate.
- No alcohol, scooters, rollerblades, bikes, skateboards or dogs are allowed at any of the facilities.
- No overnight RV Parking and/or BBQ / tailgating in the parking lots.
- The Sports Complex has a full concession area with indoor and outdoor
seating. Concession menu consists of Tri-tip sandwiches, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chicken teriyaki bowls, nachos, jumbo dogs, chicken sandwiches, nuggets, chicken caesar salads, fruit cups, yogurt, water, sport drinks, coffee, candy, etc... Visa, Mastercard, Apple Pay and cash is accepted in concession area.
- Gates will open 90 minutes before first game.
- No metal cleats of any kind on fields (plastic cleats ok)
- Sunflower seeds or peanuts are allowed.


## ACE Coaching \& SafeSport

- All Nor Cal USA Softball Coaches must be Background Checked, ACE certified and SafeSport educated.
(ALL ADULTS IN THE DUGOUT AND ON THE FIELD MUST BE WEARING ACE CARD ON LANYARD AND VISIBLE)
- All years of ACE are on-line


## FORMAT

- Modified 3 Game Guarantee Bracket with Consolation bracket No Loser's Bracket Final, Championship or "IF" games.
Online bracket will show these games with no info. (See next slide for example)

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WINNER'S BRACKET - 8 Under "C"



Nor Cal J.O. Championship
Girls Fast Pitch "8U" Salinas, CA
June $10-11,2023$ 8 UNDER " C "
(12 Teams)


## FORMAT

- Top six (6) "C" Teams earn berths to USA Softball State Games in San Diego, Ca. on July 15-17 th.


## Post Tournament Advancement

## IMPORTANT!

- Teams need to notify Diane Hafoka by midnight Sunday June 25 via email at dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org if you intend to advance to the State Games.
- The deadline for the Regional State Games is July $5^{\text {th. }}$


## Pick-Up Players

You are allowed up to three (3) Pick-up players at the conclusion of the Association Championship.

- Players must be registered with USA Softball and from the team's same or lower classification.
- Players must be from your recreation league or teams that played this weekend who are not advancing.
Exception: Players who are age eligible can be picked up by a lower AGE classified team. Players can only be selected from teams that are no longer eligible for Championship Play.

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted


RULE 3, Section 1A Exception: Any bats bearing the ASA / USA Softball Fastpitch, USSSA, or WBSC Certification mark and passes our Fast Pitch Compression Test thresholds will be allowed in the USA Softball Fast Pitch Championships.

## "8 C" TIME LIMITS AND RUN RULES

## Time Limit for 8U:

$>1: 15$ hour and finish the inning. If the game is tied after the time limit has expired, the Tie Breaker Rule goes into effect. Time begins with the first warm-up pitch.
> Run Ahead Rule: 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings or 8 runs after five innings.
$>$ Tie-Breaker Rule after 6 innings (time permitting) or Time Limit.
$>$ Championship game will be played with a time limit of 1:20 hour or 6 innings whichever is reached first.

## 2023 8U C TOURNAMENT RULES CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

(Effective for the 2023 season and thereafter, until amended)

The current USA Official Rules of Softball and the Northern California Rules \& Regulations shall be enforced at this event.

1. Game Time: Will be 6 innings or $\mathbf{1}$ hour, 15 minutes, whichever occurs first.
A. The Championship and If Necessary game shall have a time limit of 1 hour, 20 minutes.
B. No new inning shall start after the time limit has expired unless the score is tied.
C. The final inning will be completed once started per Rule 5 , Section 3
D. The 'run-ahead rule' shall be used in all games at 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings or eight runs after five innings.
2. Tie-Breaker rule per Rule 5 , section 11 shall be in effect after 6 innings (in lieu of 7 innings) or the top of the next inning after the time limit (as noted in ' 1 ' above) has expired. (The offensive player due to bat last in the half inning will be placed on $2^{\text {nd }}$ base.)
3. Five Runs per inning will be in effect through the first three (3) innings.
A. The half inning will be declared over when the offensive team scores five (5) runs.
B. Additional runs in excess of five (5) during continuous action shall not count.
C. All additional innings beginning in the fourth inning will be open.
4. Offense: Bat-around "Round Robin" SHALL be used.
A. All eligible players, present, must bat and shall be listed on the line-up and bat in the order presented at the plate meeting. If a player is not listed on the line up card, they cannot enter the game.
B. The Designated Player DP/Flex will not be used.
C. No courtesy runners shall be used except in case of injury while on offense, the last out may be used for the injured player. If a player cannot bat and run the bases the next time through the line-up, they will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the game for safety reasons. No out will be recorded unless the team has gone short-handed as in Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph D (Less than nine (9) players)
5. Stealing: One base, per pitch, per runner. Runners may only advance one base from where they were at the time of the pitch. Stealing home is not permitted - Cold Home Plate
A. Runners are not permitted to advance on an over-throw. Any runner attempting to advance beyond the one base they are permitted is at risk of being put out.
B. A runner who makes it safely to the next base beyond the base permitted, including home, will be returned to the correct base. When playing action has been completed, a dead ball will be declared and the runner retuned to the proper base.
C. A batter who is awarded $1^{\text {st }}$ base on a walk/base-on-balls may not steal second on the ball four pitch. A batterrunner who attempts to advance in this situation will be ruled on the same as paragraph 5.B
6. Batted Ball: Batted ball remains live until pitcher has possession within the pitcher's circle.
7. Defense: Ten players ONLY on defense. The ten players may play anywhere in fair territory except for the catcher who will be in the catcher box. Free substitution allowed.
8. Outfielders do not have to be on the Grass.
9. No player may start closer to home plate than the distance of the pitcher's plate but may move closer to home plate after the ball is released by the pitcher. Effect - Illegal Pitch
10. Unlimited defensive substitution is permitted.
11. The Infield Fly or Dropped Third Strike Rules will not be used.
12. Pitching distance: 30 feet.
13. Base Distance: 55 feet between bases will be used when available. 60 feet is acceptable.
14. Softballs: The Worth 'RIF' 10 " will be used softball used in this tournament for this age group. Should the RIF $10^{\prime \prime}$ be unavailable a substitute Approved USA Softball of Northern California Ball will be used.
A. Check-in:
15. Check-in at the tournament desk one hour prior to your team's first game.
16. Line-up forms, Game Cards, will be provided.
17. Required Championship Roster, Player photo ID cards, Coaches Form, Code of Conduct, Commitment Form, Concussion Roster. All coaches in the dugout, on the field including warmups will Check-in with proof of Background Check and SafeSport with Photo ID. Coach USA Softball ID card shall be worn on lanyard and be visible at all times while on field.
B. Ground rules for the tournament:
18. Practice on infield dirt is NOT permitted. Teams may warm-up between the foul lines and the fence. If a relay player is used, they must stay on the grass. Pitchers may not use the pitcher's plate and circle.
19. The team listed on the top of the bracket shall occupy the 1st base dugout, except in back-to-back games played on the same field when the team playing the consecutive game does not change dugouts.
20. Home team is the official scorekeeper.
21. Home team is determined by a coin toss at the umpire pre-game meeting with coaches.
22. Softballs for the tournament will be provided, and will be the ONLY softballs used.
23. USA NorCal Line-up Forms or approved team substitution card shall be used.
24. Double bases will be used at first base in all Championship Tournaments.
25. Upon conclusion of game, NorCal score card must be fully completed and turned into the umpire or NorCal official. These cards will be available from tournament desk
C. Protests:
26. Playing rule protests must be made prior to the next pitch and a decision rendered by the Tournament UIC. The game will be stopped and the manager must be prepared to discuss the rule interpretation involved.
27. Eligibility protests shall be ruled upon according to USA Softball Code.
28. When a delay in the schedule occurs, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check the bracket boards and contact the Tournament Director for possible changes to game times and /or fields.
29. Tobacco products of any type are prohibited on school facilities and in all playing facilities. Smoking of any substance including vaping is not allowed. The same is prohibited from ALL dugouts and field of play
30. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited from the facility.
31. All players are encouraged to wear like-colored uniforms and helmets
32. All regulations of the tournament site shall be followed.
33. All equipment including but not limited to, batting helmets, bats must carry the USA Softball approval. Any illegal and/or defective equipment will be confiscated and returned at the conclusion of the tournament NorCal officials will be preforming random compression bat testing. Umpires will be checking equipment prio to each game play. Have bats and helmets outside the dugout along the fence for inspection
34. NorCal officials will be randomly checking players that they match their player cards to their team.

## E. Sportsmanship:

1. Team managers are responsible and must have control of their players, coaches, spectators and team followers at all times, including off the field of play.
2. The USA Code of Conduct shall be enforced throughout the tournament. Any act or behavior considered contrary to the objectives and purpose of USA Softball will not be tolerated.
3. Artificial noisemakers of any type are NOT permitted (i.e. horns or cans filled with rocks).
4. Umpires and USA Softball Representatives have the responsibility and authority to eject (out of sight and sound) any team personnel or spectator for any act or behavior considered unsportsmanlike conduct
5. An ejected coach, player, or other team personnel is ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Illegal participation in the team's next game by ejected personnel results in team forfeiture. A second ejection in the same tournament makes the participant ineligible for remainder of tournament. Each sanction (ineligible for next game, team forfeiture, and ineligible for remainder of tournament) may be appealed to the Tournament Protest Committee.

Have a great tournament!

## OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES

- NOCSAE approved Batting Helmets and Face Mask/Guard for Batting Helmets
- Game time is forfeit time!!!!
- Home Plate Umpire will be the Official Timekeeper
- No infield practice allowed. No exceptions. (Use foul territory only.)
- No courtesy runners shall be used except in case of injury while on offense, the last out may be used for the injured player. If a player cannot bat and run the bases the next time through the line-up, they will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the game for safety reasons. No out will be recorded unless the team has gone shorthanded as in Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph D (Less than nine (9) players)
- Chin Straps: If used, must be serviceable and worn properly.
- Flex/DP: Flex is not in effect.

Line Up Cards - Provided by Tournament. Can use your own but must have appropriate copies.

## Miscellaneous

- Coaches Attire by the book. ACE Card must be visible!!!!!
- Teams listed at the top of the bracket have the $3^{\text {rd }}$ base dugout unless opponent is already there from previous game.
- Coin flip for home team by the umpire on the field.
- Home Team will be the official score-keeper.
- Scorecard will be provided. (see sample)
- ACE and Player Cards checked on the field.
- Equipment Inspections - Equipment removed from play cannot be claimed until your team has completed play in the tournament.
- Bat Testing Machine (In random use throughout the tournament).
- No flash photography (directed at players).
- Severe Weather Possibilities.



## Protest Procedures

- Must be made before next legal or illegal pitch.
- Game \& Time Limit Stops
- Must State Specific Rule/Section being protested.
- Judgment Calls Cannot be Protested.
- Tournament UIC will review the protest with game officials and make decision.
Protest Committee gathered if needed.
- Tournament Director's decision is final.

Protest Committee->
Vince DeFriese
Jill Suico
Kevin Hager

## Individual Conduct Policy

Parents, spectators or fans that use profanity, incite trouble, promote poor sportsmanship, physical retaliation or bring into question the integrity of Coaches, Players, Umpires or Tournament Staff will be removed from the complex. No other warnings will be given. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, these individuals may be removed for the remainder of the Tournament and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

## Game - Bracket - Field - Time Changes

- It will the responsibility of the manager to confirm next game time and field location.


## https://www.tourneymachine.com/Home.aspx

- Brackets updated every 2-3 hours on-line
- Also updated on Master Bracket at entrance of building

Awards

- $1^{\text {st }}-3^{\text {rd }}$ Place Team and Individual
- $4^{\text {th }}$ Place Team


## CHECK OUT

After your final game.......

- Pick up Championship Roster at our tournament headquarters.
- Reminder, Contact Diane Hafoka of intention to move on to the State Games or not.
- If moving on to next level, you have forms to fill out!

Reminder - We will need to know by Sunday June 25

The Nor Cal Board of Directors will be looking to recruit new
Nor Cal USA Softball District Commissioners

If you want to learn more about the position, please contact
Nor Cal Commissioner
Vincent DeFriese at
vdefriese@norcalusasoftball.org

## GOOD LUCK

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