## Southeast Fastpitch Conference (SFC) – 12U - 2023

## **Important Dates/Deadlines:**

- May 8th (Final Schedules posted online)
- Game Nights

Game Night 1: Tuesday May 23rd*	Game Night 2: Thursday May 25th
Game Night 3: Tuesday May 30th*	Game Night 4: Thursday June 1st
Game Night 5: Tuesday June 6th*	Game Night 6: Thursday June 8th
Game Night 7: Tuesday June 13th*	Game Night 8: Thursday June 15th
Game Night 9: Tuesday June 20th*	Game Night 10: Thursday June 22nd
Game Night 11: Tuesday July 27th*	Game Night 12: Thursday July 29th

\* If you are playing one night a week, these are the nights you are playing.

- Makeup Week: July 10th

- SFC Tournament July 15 and July 16

**Inclement Weather/No-shows:** In the case of bad weather, home team coaches will be responsible for making a decision on postponement and contacting the opposing coach no later than 4pm on the day of the game. Teams will have a 15 minute grace period to arrive at the playing field. Teams who do not arrive within this grace period will forfeit the game.

**<u>Rescheduled Games</u>**: All make-up game dates and locations are to be agreed upon by the two head coaches. No games that are forfeited due to lack of players are eligible to be rescheduled.

**League Tournament:** All participating teams in all age divisions will qualify for a season-ending tournament. The tournament date is July 15 and July 16. Location may not be in Rochester. Top 8 seeds from each age division will play an 8-team double elimination bracket meaning all are guaranteed two games but some might play more. Lower seeds will play in four team brackets and/or three team pools and are guaranteed exactly two games.

**<u>State Tournament:</u>** If your team wishes to play in the state tournament, pay attention to entry fee deadlines. Please visit <u>http://fastpitch.mnsoftball.com/</u> for tournament dates.

**<u>12U Details:</u>** There will be 2 divisions offered. Gold (more advanced) & Silver.

<u>Format:</u> Two, 5-inning games will be played (time permitting), with a 5-minute break in between games. One point will be awarded to the winner of the first game of the doubleheader only. In case of weather,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 innings will be considered a complete game. Host team is home for the first game, the visitor the second game. Games will have a 6-run limit per inning for all innings played. Silver is limited to 3 runs per inning from passed balls. The other 3 runs must be earned from walks or hits. There will be a minimum of 5 innings played regardless of the score, so long as time allows. If the trailing team is unable to catch up after 5 innings, the game is over. USA Softball run rules are not in effect. Games will begin at 6 pm and no inning shall begin after 1 hour from the first pitch. U12 utilizes a 40 ft. pitching rubber.

