

2025 Point *FASTPITCH* Summer Classic Rules – 10U

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: Due to Umpires, Scorekeepers AND Announcers - complete with numbers, first and last names listed in that order

Batting Order Pool & Bracket Play: You Must Declare One or the Other on your Lineup Card at the Coin Flip

1. You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely. If a player is injured or disqualified and cannot bat, this will NOT be recorded as an out. The batting order will skip that position with no penalty and move to the next position in the line-up unless you drop below 9.
2. You may use the USA DP/Flex rules. If a player is injured or disqualified and the team has substitutes listed, a substitute will be entered into that position in the line-up. If there are no substitutes available, the batting order will skip that position with no penalty and move to the next position in the line-up unless you drop below 9.

Courtesy Runners: Rule 8. Section 10

1. While using the DP/Flex you must use your substitutes listed. If you do not have a substitute available, the option of a courtesy runner is not available.
2. While batting the entire roster, you may use the last recorded out at any time for the pitcher & catcher.

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 back side of batter

Game Length: 75 minutes, finish the inning. New inning starts as of last out of previous inning - No Time Limit on the Championship game in **Gold Division Championship** it will be 6 full innings, The **Silver Division Championship** game will have a time limit of 75 minutes finish the inning. Run Rules still apply in both championship games.

Run Limit: There will be a **6** run limit per half inning. **Unlimited runs in the 6th inning only.** No run limit for Gold Championship game.

Gold and Silver Division in Bracket Play: Top 5(1-5) ranked teams after pool play will go to the Gold bracket and the bottom 5 (6-10) ranked teams will go to the Silver bracket. Championship games will be played to determine the champion of each division. Trophies will be awarded to both 1st and 2nd teams in each division.

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

Defense: The defensive team may play with 10 players in the field (4 outfielders) and must have a minimum of 8 players in the field on defense.

Official Scorer: Home team is the official scorekeeper.

Stealing: Unlimited stealing is allowed to advance to the next base **including home plate.** The play is over once the pitcher has control of the ball in the pitching circle. **The lookback rule is in effect.** The ball must leave the pitcher's hand before the runner may leave the base to advance to the next base. Failure to do this may result in the runner being called out for leaving early.

Pitching Limit: None

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

Dropped Third Strike: In effect

Infield Fly: In effect

Helmets & Facemasks: NOCSAE certified are REQUIRED – Rule 3, Section 5 E

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

Umpire Decisions are Final

No metal spikes or sunflower seeds 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 & 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