

2026 Fullerton Hills Softball End of Season Tournament Rules: 8U – 12U

2026 FHS Supplemental Rules apply, except for the rules outlined in this document for the 2026 Spring End of Season Tournament (EoST).

Single Elimination Play – Mercy rule will apply – 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5

Seeding – Regular season records against FHS teams will be used to determine seeding. In the event of teams with matching records, the following tie breakers will be used: 1. Head to head record, 2. Winning percentage in FHS games, 3. Run Differential in FHS games, 4. Coin flip

8U – 12U: Game time: 1 hour 20, no new inning. Home team is the higher seeded team (example: a game between the 1 and 4 seeds, the 1 seed is home team). For Championship games, home team will be determined by a coin flip before the game at home plate. If tied after the final inning of regulation play, the game will go to an International Tiebreaker.**

8U

- Pitching – No restrictions (**Rules for players sitting still apply!**)
- Coach pitch on bases loaded walk
- HBP will result in first base awarded. If bases are loaded, a batter hit by pitch will be awarded first base and the runner on third will advance to home.
- An overthrow at first base that lands in foul territory will result in a dead ball, one base will be awarded to the batter-runner. Base runner(s) shall be awarded the base they are going to at the time the throw is released.
- No player can sit out twice until every player has sat out at least once for a continuous, full defensive inning.
 - This includes pitchers. All players MUST follow rules for players sitting
 - **Penalty:** Must be immediately protested to the Board Member on Duty by the opposing manager before games end. If protest is upheld, the player(s) who has not sat out will be disqualified from the current game. The Manager and Named Coach will be disqualified from the current game and ALL remaining tournament games.
- Players are not required to play at least one inning of infield every two games during tournament play
- 5 run ahead rule *

10U-12U

- Pitching – No restrictions (**Rules for players sitting still apply!**)
- Players cannot sit out back to back innings
 - **Penalty:** Must be immediately protested to the Board Member on Duty by the opposing manager before games end. If protest is upheld, the player(s) who has not sat out will be disqualified from the current game. The Manager and Named Coach will be disqualified from the current game and ALL remaining tournament games.
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***Run ahead rule: 5 runs max per inning OR 5 runs ahead.**

Example: Team A goes ahead 5-3 after the top of the second inning, team B can score 7 runs in the bottom of the second inning to go up by 5 to make the score 10-5.

****International Tie Breaker –** If a game is tied at the end of regulation, the visiting team starts their half of the inning with a runner on second base. This runner is the LAST OUT of the previous inning. Once 3 outs are recorded, the home teams starts their half of the inning with a runner on second base. This runner is the LAST OUT of the previous inning. If tied after one international tie breaker inning, the same format will be applied until a winner is decided.