

2010 Maggie Hilbrands Memorial Tournament 12U+14U+16U Rules

Format, weather permitting: 3 pool games, all teams seeded into single elimination brackets.

Pool to bracket seedings determined by:

1. Record [2 points per win, 1 per tie – “2W 1L 0T” ties “1W 0L 2T”]
2. Head to head
3. Cumulative run differential (no single game differential greater than 10)
4. Runs allowed ratio (lowest in runs allowed per defensive inning)
5. Most runs scored
6. Coin toss

A coin toss will determine the home team before each game. The home team will be the official scorebook. Make changes through the home plate umpire. The home team is required to report results to the Tournament Director, including innings completed. A note for teams playing at satellite fields: each umpire will have the phone number to the Tournament Director.

If weather problems occur, the Tournament Director has complete discretion on how to resolve. Every effort will be made to get games played. That may include, but is not limited to: shortening game lengths, using other ballfields in the area, adding timeslots later in the day or any combination thereof.

Team rosters will be considered complete when turned in at registration. No changes will be allowed. A player may be listed on only one roster.

ASA rules will apply with the following exceptions/clarifications:

Games will consist of 7 innings with an 80-minute time limit. No new inning in a pool game can start after 80 minutes. Each half-inning starts when the preceding 3rd out is recorded. Pool games can end in a tie. International tie breaker will be used for bracket games, starting with the first full inning past the time limit. [including championship games]

Mercy rule: 15 runs after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5 innings. [half-inning less if the home team is ahead]

Infield practice will not be allowed.

Managers may go to the mound three times per game with the same pitcher and only two times per inning. The third trip per inning or fourth per game results in automatic removal of pitcher from that position for the game's duration.

Umpire's rulings and judgments will be final. No protests will be allowed.

Base stealing will be off release of the ball from the pitcher. Uncaught third strike will be in effect.

A courtesy runner will be allowed for the pitcher or catcher. The courtesy runner will be a non-playing member of the roster or the previous out if all players are used in the lineup.

Extra Player [EP] may be used. (bat 10 & field 9) This is optional for all teams. EP can be freely substituted as a defensive replacement.

Also optional for each team is to bat the entire roster for the whole game. With this option, if for any reason a player is unable to bat in the order as submitted, it is an automatic out.

Pitching distance will be 40 feet for 12U+14U, 43 feet for 16U. No metal cleats at 12U, 14U. 16U may use metal cleats.

Must have 8 players minimum to start a game.

Lowell Xtreme Girls Softball Club will provide umpires and 2 new 12" softballs for each game.

Individual and team awards will be given to the 2 top teams in each division.