

# Girls 8U / 10U / 12U /14U Memorial Weekend Tournament Rules

2022 – updated 5/17/2022

Hosted by Palos Power /Bradley / Evergreen Park / Frankfort

## **1. Time limits**

Time limits for ALL games will be as follows:

- No inning will start after 1 hours and 45 minutes. Once an inning starts, it must be completed. If the game is tied in pool play, the result is a tie.
- There is no time limit for the semi-final, consolation or championship games.

## **2. Rain Delays**

Games that are cancelled due to rain shall be considered complete games after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).

If the visiting team takes the lead after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning and the game is suspended due to rain, the game is not cancelled and the make-up game shall resume at the point of play stoppage. The score DOES NOT revert back to the score at the top of the inning. The visiting team would not be penalized after they have gained a lead and there is rain.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY a Host town Official has the right to delay or cancel a game due to inclement weather. Umpires and managers involved in the game do NOT have input on these decisions.

## **3. Roster Rules**

In any Chicago Sunday Baseball Tournament, a player removed from the game may return to the game in any position. The batting order may not change and roster batting is in effect. All players must play a minimum of three defensive innings in the field. No late arriving player is allowed to enter a game after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. If a players is expected to arrive late, the manager of the team with the late player must inform the opposing manager **prior** to the start of the game about the late player and insert the player in the last spot in the batting order. A player arriving late to a game must enter the game before the first pitch of the third inning. If the spot being held for the late players is up to bat prior to the player's arrival, the batting team will receive an automatic out every time the missing player is to have an official at bat. It is possible if a late player is added to the line-up and does not show up, that every time their spot in the batting order is up to bat that the affected team can receive multiple outs throughout the game for the no show. Any player that is not inserted into the lineup prior to the start of the game is not allowed to play in that game.

#### **4. General Rules**

**Courtesy runners** are allowed for catchers if there are 2 outs. If a catcher has a substitute runner, the player (catcher) who had a substitute runner must catch one full inning immediately following the substitute runner. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the inning. The only exception to this rule is if there is a pitching change or an injury. This courtesy runner rule is in place to speed up the game and is not intended to provide the batting team an opportunity to use faster players for slower players.

#### **5. TIES in standings**

In the event of a tie in the final standings, the tie breakers will be as follows:

1. Head to head competition, if applicable (applies to only a 2 team tie)
2. Least amount of runs allowed
3. Run differential
4. If a tie still exist, then there will be a coin toss to determine who advances to the next level.

Please note, that if two teams are tied in the standings based on win %, if one of those teams has more wins than the other team, the team that has more wins will win the tie breaker. For example, there are two teams with a .500 win % that are tied, Team A finished with 1 win and 1 loss, and Team B finished with 0 wins and 2 ties, then the team that has the 1 win advances.

In tournament pools that have an odd number of teams, the Tie breaker rules will apply to the teams after their 1<sup>st</sup> two games. The team that is in last place after the first two games will be eliminated from the tournament and will receive a partial refund.

#### **6. Birth certificates**

Managers must bring roster and birth certificates for check-in Prior to their first game. All girls dressed MUST be in the continuous batting order. Any girl that leaves a game due to injury must be removed from the order and MAY NOT return to play in that game.

#### **7. PROTESTS**

A game may not be protested based upon an umpire's judgment decision.

When based upon an interpretation of the rules, a protesting manager must at the time the play occurs, notify the home plate umpire and the opposing manager that the game is being played under protest. The home plate umpire will then notify a Host town official of the protest. Host town officials will immediately consider the protest with the umpires and managers and render a decision before play is resumed. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

All protest rights are withdrawn if a manager withdraws a team from the field under any circumstances, prior to the game's completion.

No protest will be considered after one or more pitches have taken place

#### **8. Rain shortened Tournament**

In the event of rain, tournament director will make every opportunity to reschedule games and provide a revised schedule. In the event of inclement weather on Monday, tournament director reserves right to award trophies based on games played. NO games will be played beyond Monday 5/30. Once one game is played by a team, no refunds will be able to be awarded.

## Rules for 2022 season - Girls Softball Division - version 1.0

Girls Softball	8 U	10 U	12 U	14 U
Softball Size	11 " Hard	11 " Hard	12 " Hard	12 " Hard
Birth date cut-off	December 31st, 2013	December 31st, 2011	December 31st, 2009	December 31st, 2007
Base Distance	55 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Batting Order	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Pitching Mound	30 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
Equipment	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage
Innings	6	6	7	7
Official Game	4 innings	4 innings	5 innings	5 innings
Max runs per inning	6	6	6	8
Max runs per inning	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited
Slaughter Rule	10 runs / 4 innings	10 runs / 4 innings	10 runs / 5 innings	10 runs / 5 innings
Players on Field	10	10	9	9
position of 10th fielder	anywhere in fair territory	anywhere in fair territory		
Pitch - max Innings allowed	3	3	4	4
Pitcher re-entry ( only starting pitcher)	once per game	once per game	once per game	once per game
Pitch - max hit batters per game	3	3	3	3
Pitching style	windmill	windmill	windmill	windmill
Bunting	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes
Leadoffs / Runner Leave	No / cross plate	No / cross plate	Yes /pitchers hand	Yes /pitchers hand
Time Limit	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours
Stealing Bases	Not allowed	2nd & 3rd Only	Continuous	Continuous
Stealing Bases - max per inning	Not allowed	3 bases per inning	unlimited	unlimited

A player who is 8 years of age or under on December 31st 2021 , is eligible for the 8U

A player who is 10 years of age or under on December 31st 2021 , is eligible for the 10U

A player who is 12 years of age or under on December 31st 2021 , is eligible for the 12U

A player who is 14 years of age or under on December 31st 2021 , is eligible for the 14U

Any rules not listed above will comply with the Official Rules of Pony Softball

