



2021 Fast Pitch Tournament Rules
Phantom Summer Classic - Pleasanton, CA
July 9 – 11, 2021

General Rules

- No pets, alcohol, amplified sound or charcoal BBQs allowed at the tournament. No BBQs of any kind allowed inside the adult softball complex or at Upper Bernal fields
- No smoking or vaping allowed inside the Adult Softball Complex or within 50 ft of any field in Ken Mercer Sports Park or Upper Bernal fields.

Tournament Rules (See supplemental rules for 8U modifications)

1. The playing rules will be current year official USA Softball Playing Rules for Fastpitch. Eligibility and membership requirements and conditions are for all divisions. These divisions are USA Softball sanctioned Junior Olympic Softball "B" or "C" Divisions. All teams in 8U, 10U and 12U must be registered with USA Softball and sanctioned as a Class "B" or "C" team as defined by the Pacific Coast Region Junior Olympics program.
2. Coaches are responsible for having a binder with them that includes a signed roster, proof of insurance and birth certificates for all players. Proof of age is required. The burden of proof is with the manager if challenged by official protest. Age eligibility by division is according to USA Softball Junior Olympic qualifications.
3. Managers must submit their rosters to their respective USA Softball Junior Olympic commissioner who will verify that the team meets the tournament rules and that the teams are "B" or "C" classification. A team that was selected second from a single league will be considered a "C" team, per Pacific Coast Region classifications.
4. **Saturday: No new inning will start after 70 minutes has expired or 7 innings have been played.** Ties are allowed in pool play. Games can end in run rule. Run rules are 15 runs at the end of 3 innings, 12 runs at the end of 4 innings, or 8 runs at the end of 5 innings.
5. On Friday and Saturday only, teams may bat entire lineup with free substitutions. Courtesy runners for pitcher and catcher are last batted out. On Sunday, USA Softball rules apply. 10U and above teams may only field 9 players in both pool and bracket play.
6. For pool play, teams listed second will occupy the third base dugout unless already occupied by the opponent, who has just completed a game on the same field. The Home team will be determined by coin toss prior to the game for pool play.
7. A win will be worth 2 points, a tie will be worth 1 point and a loss will be worth 0 points.
8. Sunday Seedings will be determined by total number of points earned from their overall record. In the event of ties for seeding at the end of pool play, the following tie-breakers will be used:
 - 1) Head to head record (Head to Head is ignored if more than two teams are tied)
 - 2) Runs allowed,
 - 3) Runs scored
 - 4) Coin toss.

USA Softball software is being utilized for scheduling and displaying brackets. Teams which forfeit any game will lose that game 7-0, lose all tie breakers and may be assessed a score of -1 for the forfeited game at the discretion of the tournament director.

9. **Sunday Elimination Games: No new inning will start after 75 minutes** Higher seed will be home team for all Sunday games and have the right to the third base dugout, unless their opponent remains in the dugout from the immediately previous game. In all single elimination games on Sunday, the International Tie-breaker rule will be in effect after 7 innings or next new inning after 75 minutes (whichever comes first).
 - **Championship Game: No New Inning after 90 minutes.** International Tie-breaker rule in effect after 7 innings or next new inning after 90 minutes. Run rule applies.
10. The Umpire will handle all protests on the spot. Umpires do have the OPTION to consult with the Tournament Director and/or Umpire in Chief. The Tournament Director's decision is final. The Tournament Director will handle any player eligibility protests.
11. Cones will be used as a home run line at ASB fields. Balls hit over the cones on the fly will be a home run. The umpire's decision is final. Balls caught in front of the cones will be ruled outs. Balls that roll past the cones will be played live. Defense must start play in front of cones. Catch & Carry rule will NOT apply to cone line. ARGUING A HOME RUN DECISION BY AN UMPIRE WILL RESULT IN EJECTION. SAME AS ARGUING BALLS AND STRIKES.
12. 10 minutes prior to game time, each manager will submit a lineup card to umpires and the opposing team manager. Each team is responsible for knowing when and where their games are to be played according to the schedule. Game time is forfeit time except for a short courtesy time for teams with back to back games on different fields at the umpire's discretion.
13. No metal cleats for 8U – 12U.
14. Scores will be recorded via umpires. Home team will keep the official book. Both team's managers and home plate umpire will sign an official scoresheet to be collected in an envelope on the backstop behind home plate. The umpire will collect score sheets and ensure they are turned into the Tournament Director.
15. All teams are responsible for picking up the trash in their dugouts and bleacher areas immediately following their games.
16. Sportsmanship: Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of their respective team members and spectators. Any player, coach, manager, or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike behavior toward players, coaches, managers, umpires, spectators, tournament staff or other participants on or off the field may be ejected by umpires or tournament staff and must leave the premises immediately for the remainder of the day. If ejection occurs on Friday or Saturday, the Tournament Director will review the situation and make a determination on whether or not that person will be allowed to return to the fields the following day.
17. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust the rules, schedules, brackets and field locations as needed to complete the tournament. Every attempt will be made to complete the 4 game guarantee for each team. However, if a situation arises due to a scheduling error, team forfeit, equipment malfunction, inclement weather, etc., the tournament director may need to reschedule, shorten or cancel games in order to complete the tournament in the time available.

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