

DAVIS YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
12U YEAR-END TOURNAMENT RULES
AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Please review and remind your players and their parents about the Code of Conduct that they all signed at the start of the season. We want the tournament to be a pleasant experience for all involved. We expect good sportsmanship from everyone and the Code of Conduct will be enforced.

1. Local league rules, NORCAL, and ASA rules will be in effect with the following modifications and clarifications.
2. The tournament will be pool play in design, followed by a double elimination format.
3. Seeding for the tournament will be determined by using the following criteria applied to the pool play results: 1) Pool Play Record, 2) Head to head record 3) Total run differential (maximum of ± 7 per game), 4) Fewest runs against, 5) Total runs scored, 6) Coin flip.
4. No one will be allowed to stand behind the backstop during a game.
5. Pitching inning limits will apply as follows:
 - a. Pitchers will be limited to a total of 7 innings pitched in each consecutive group of 2 games played by her team. The second game is always defined by an even number (e.g., 1-2, 3-4). **Byes DO NOT count as games pitched because this would give those teams with a “bye” an unfair advantage.**
 - b. If a tie occurs at the end of 7 innings in the second game of eligibility, the pitcher of record at the time of the tie may continue to pitch. Extra innings count against the inning limit if occurring in the first game of eligibility.
 - c. One pitch to a batter in an inning shall constitute an inning pitched.
 - d. Semi-final and championship games (Game #5 and up) will have OPEN pitching with no inning limits for the pitchers. Coaches should be mindful of the potential for arm injuries with tired pitchers and practice discretion and common sense with their pitchers.
6. A game will be 7 innings. No inning, however, may begin after **1 hour and 30 minutes** of play. Pool play games may end in ties. **The Championship game will 7 innings, no new inning after 1 hour 40 minutes of play.** If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or at the time limit, the tie-breaker rule outlined below will apply.
 - a. A half inning will consist of 3 outs.
 - b. A maximum of 5 runs can be scored per half inning by an offensive team .
 - c. In the case of a tie at the end of 7 complete innings or after time has expired, a runner shall be placed on second base with no outs per the ASA tie breaker rule.
 - i. The runner (being the last player to complete her turn at bat in the preceding inning) shall start at 2nd base.
 - ii. Extra innings shall be played until 3 outs are recorded.
 - iii. The tie-breaker rule shall apply to all games including championship games.
7. Games are scored based on last legal inning. Teams shall not finish innings for runs for /against if the game is complete.
 - a. Game is complete if time has expired and the home team cannot catch up. If the visitor puts game out of reach and time has expired,
 - b. If a game is called due to rain etc. and both teams do not get equal at bats, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
8. A team must field at least 8 players, and the game is forfeited if there are less than 8 players.
9. The entire roster of players present must bat the entire game in continuous order whether they play defense or not. (NOTE – This does not mean that a coach may not change his or her batting order of players from game to game, only that once a batting roster is set for a game, all players present must bat in the order established at the start of the game for that particular game. This is to allow coaches to set their most competitive batting line-up prior to each game.)
10. There are free defensive substitutions provided each girl listed in the scorebook play a minimum of 12 consecutive outs (2 complete innings) by the end of 7 innings. In summary, all substitutions must be made by the top of the 4th inning. The last half inning counts, played or not. In the event the game is played under the time limit, the 12 consecutive out criteria must be met by the top of the 4th inning unless a player is injured. The umpire will make a judgment of the injury.
11. Nine players are played defensively and three must be outfielders.

12. ASA rules involving dropped 3rd strike, “Look Back”, legal pitches, infield fly, leadoffs, obstruction, interference, and all other rules apply.
13. Coaches are allowed to sit on a bucket inside of the fence in order to give pitching signals to their catcher. Coaches must be aware that they are in the field of play and must make every attempt to avoid contact with the ball. Any overthrown ball that makes contact with the bucket will result in an extra base being awarded to each base runner.