

**DAVIS YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
10U 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 USA Softball 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. Pool play games MAY end in ties.
4. 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.
5. For all games, home/away will be determined by a coin flip. Home/Away designations on the schedule are for field prep purposes only.
6. No one will be allowed to stand behind the backstop during a game.
7. Pitching inning limits will apply as follows:
 1. Pitchers will be limited to a total of 3 innings per game and 6 innings pitched per day if a tie occurs at the end of 7 innings in any 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 the pitcher of record has reached the 6 inning max at the time of the tie, they may continue to pitch until the end of the game or until relieved.
 2. Pitching limits apply to pool play and bracket games only. If a recreational season game is intermixed, then pitching limits for tournament don't apply.
8. One pitch to a batter in an inning shall constitute an inning pitched.
9. Championship game 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.
10. 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 be 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.
 1. A half inning will consist of 3 outs.
 2. A maximum of 5 runs can be scored per half inning by an offensive team, including Championship game.
 3. 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.
 1. The runner (being the last player to complete her turn at bat in the preceding inning) shall start at 2nd base.
 2. Extra innings shall be played until 3 outs are recorded.
 3. The tie-breaker rule shall apply to all games including championship games.
11. Any team ahead by 12 or more runs at the end of 4 and half innings shall be declared the winner.
12. A team must field at least 8 players, and the game is forfeited if there are less than 8 players
13. 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.)
14. There are free defensive substitutions provided that each girl listed in the scorebook play a minimum of 12 outs (2 complete innings) by the end of 7 innings. The last half inning counts, played or not. Nine players are played defensively and 3 must be outfielders.
15. Local, NORCAL, and ASA rules involving, “Look Back”, legal pitches, leadoffs, obstruction, interference, and all other rules apply
16. 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.
17. Games are scored based on last legal inning. **Teams shall not finish innings for runs for /against if the game is complete.**

1. Game is complete if time has expired and one team cannot catch up. If one team puts game out of reach and time has expired, finish the batter and the game is over.
2. 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.