

Welcome To The 2019 18U Taunton Invitational Tournament July 12 - 14, 2019

Taunton Girls Softball League ~ 500 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780 ~
TauntonGirlsSoftball.org

Check in:

****NO DOGS or other animals allowed** unless indicated for medical necessity**

- A. Be sure to check in with the tournament director at least one hour prior to your first scheduled game time.
- B. Check-in is at the concession stand located in the middle of the complex.
- C. This tournament is sanctioned by USA Softball Massachusetts. You must have a 2019 USA Softball Official National Championship Roster signed by one of the local USA Softball Officials or have proof of electronic signature from the USA Softball organization which confirms eligibility of the players as to age, residence and participation.
- D. In addition to the 2019 USA Softball Official National Championship Roster, team managers must also have birth certificates or other legal certification of birth and proof of residence for each player on the list **AND** proof of insurance.
- E. Please leave a contact mobile phone number and email address with the tournament director so that he/she may contact you at any time while the tournament is on. This is especially important for Sunday game times.

Conduct:

- A. Team managers and coaches are responsible for the team parents and fans on their side of the field.
- B. Any display of poor sportsmanship by players, coaches, parents or fans will result in automatic expulsion from that game and at least the next game at the discretion of the tournament director. Any coach being ejected must leave the area of the field immediately.
- C. It is the policy of the Massachusetts Junior Olympic USA Softball and it's Commissioner's staff to enforce the Taunting Policy at all Junior Olympic Tournaments. We implore all coaches, players and spectators, etc.. to refrain from any type of taunting. Taunting shall include any action or comments, which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, whether or not deeds or words are vulgar or racist. No artificial noise makers of any type, horns, whistles, etc... will be allowed.

General Information:

- A. All Pool Play Schedules and Sunday Brackets are available on Room Roster.
- B. ALL ADULT BENCH PERSONNEL are required to complete the USA Softball National Background checks for the 2019 season and must have the approved background check card visible at all times during ANY USA Softball Massachusetts event.**
- C. USA Softball umpires will be used for all games. There will be two umpires for all pool play and playoff games.
- D. No infield practices.
- E. No hitting balls into the fencing.
- F. No soft toss allowed from outfield grass. Soft toss may be done from the infield foul territory area. There is a separate field for warming up located behind Field #3, near the walk through from the rear parking lot (located at Chamberlain School).
- G. Both teams must submit a lineup card with First Names, Last Name and Shirt Numbers to the umpire and opposing team 15 minutes before game time.
- H. Scorekeepers from both teams are asked to compare scores after each ½ inning and any disputes are to be settled immediately.
- I. Both teams are responsible for reporting game scores to the tournament director table in front of the concession stand immediately after the game.
- J. Full plumbing restrooms are on site and located on the side of the concession stand. In addition, portable restrooms are situated throughout the complex.
- K. Canopies, tents, and portable chairs are encouraged as there are no bleachers. Insect repellent is also highly recommended.
- L. On deck cages are located next to each dugout on all fields. For the player's safety, no on-deck warm ups will be allowed outside of the cages.
- M. Minimum of four games will be played (3 in pool play, 1 in elimination).
- N. All infields are stone dust.
- O. First and second place trophies will be awarded.

****These are public school grounds and the following must be adhered to:**

- A. No open fires or barbecues allowed in any part of the complex, including parking lots.
- B. No alcohol.
- C. No dogs or other animals allowed unless indicated for medical necessity. Please let your parents know that they will be asked to leave if they bring their dogs to our fields!**
- D. No smoking allowed in the complex.

Directions:

From the North - Route 24 or Interstate 495:

1. Take Rte. 24 South to I-495 North to Exit 9 - Bay Street
2. Go LEFT off the exit to Industrial Park Road on RIGHT
3. Industrial Park Road becomes Myles Standish Blvd.
4. Go approximately 2 miles to Crane Ave. South on LEFT
5. Follow to the end and take a LEFT on the Norton Ave.
6. Softball Complex is on the RIGHT. Follow main entrance to rear of complex for parking at schools.

From the South - Route 24

1. Rte. 24 North to I-495 North (Taunton) to Exit 9 - Bay Street
2. Go LEFT off the exit to Industrial Park Road on RIGHT
3. Industrial Park Road becomes Myles Standish Blvd.
4. Go approximately 2 miles to Crane Ave. South on LEFT
5. Follow to the end and take a LEFT on the Norton Ave.
6. Softball Complex is on the RIGHT. Follow main entrance to rear of complex for parking at schools.

From the South - Route 44

1. Take Rte. 44 East past Manheim New England (on right). Continue for approximately 1 ½ miles until you reach a Dunkin Donuts on your LEFT.
2. Take this LEFT onto North Walker St.
3. Take a RIGHT onto Glebe St. (First RIGHT after Bennett Elementary School on left) and follow to the end.
4. Take a RIGHT onto Tremont St.
5. Take 2nd LEFT onto Norton Ave. Continue on Norton Ave past the Taunton Nursing Home.
6. Softball Complex is on the LEFT. Follow main entrance to rear of complex for parking at schools.

Parking:

- A. NO parking will be allowed on the main road leading to the fields or on the road leading into the complex all the way up to the parking lot (Police take notice and will ticket and/or tow cars that are parked on the roadway). There is plenty of parking at the two schools in the rear of the complex.
- B. Please be aware that there is a walk through to the fields from the rear parking lot (at the Chamberlain School). It allows you to enter at the back of Field 2 and Field 3.

- C. Parking in the spaces near the concession stand are reserved for umpires, tournament staff and team managers with team equipment only. Upon check-in, one parking pass will be provided to the team manager for their weekend use.
- D. Limited handicap parking is available near the concession stand. Additional handicap parking is available in all school parking lots.

Tournament Rain Policy:

The time limit continues to be in effect during a rain delay (Time limit clock does not stop during the rain delay).

- A. If a game is interrupted at the end of an inning, and at least four innings have been played, and time has expired, the game will be declared complete.
- B. If a rain interruption occurs during an inning, and at least four innings have been completed and time has expired, the game will be declared complete and the score at the end of the previous inning will be the final score.
- C. If a rain interruption occurs at any time prior to the completion of 4 ½ innings, the game will resume at that point and continue until 5 innings have been played. The game will continue after 5 innings only if the time limit has not expired.
- D. Games subsequent to rain delay will remain at 7 innings and a 1 hour and 30 minute time limit (no new inning). If in the tournament director's opinion all games subsequent to the rain delay should be shortened to 6 innings and a 75 minute time limit in order to complete the tournament on time, the games will be shortened.
- E. Rule D may be applied to any portion of the tournament. If the tournament returns back to schedule, games may return to the 7 inning/ 90 minute (no new inning) time limit. This is all at the discretion of the tournament director.
- F. If the rain delay occurs on Sunday and it becomes impossible to complete the tournament, winners will be determined by the Round Robin tiebreaker rules if no games have been played. Otherwise, the 2 highest seeded teams will be declared the winners of the tournament.
- G. The tournament director does reserve the right to alter the tournament schedule and/or format in the event of prolonged or severe weather conditions. Ultimately the objective of the rain policy is to be fair to all participants and give everyone the number of games they deserve. The tournament director will strive to be fair to everyone, however there may be unforeseen circumstances that a totally acceptable conclusion may be possible to attain.

Refunds:

If the tournament is shortened due to weather, teams will be entitled to a refund based on the following formula:

- A. If a team plays zero games, the team will be entitled to their entry fee less non-recoverable tournament expenses. These include but not limited to perishable food, T-shirts, trophies, game balls and insurance. Tournament will provide USA Softball MA this calculation within 7 days of the tournament for approval. Once approved, tournament must send each team a copy of this calculation along with their refund.
- B. If one game is played, the refund will be 50% of the registration fee.
- C. If two or more games are played, no refund will be given.
- D. Tournaments must refund teams within 14 days from when the tournament was scheduled.