

## **TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 14U SPRING SWING**

*This tournament will abide by all rules and regulations as stated under GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL in the USA rulebook with the following exceptions.*

Team coaches or representatives must report to the Tournament Director at least 20 minutes before first game. The tournament director will review the rosters and proof of insurance at that time.

All players must wear matching uniforms. In case of player injury, (i.e. bleeding) the player will have a reasonable amount of time for uniform repair (umpire's discretion). At this point, unlike uniforms are permitted and proper care should be taken for disposal of bloodied garment.

For pool play games home team is decided by a coin flip. Higher seed has choice for all elimination games.

**Games are 7 innings or time limit. The time limit will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. No New inning can start after this time limit.**

POOL PLAY GAMES CAN END IN A TIE. For elimination games, we will use the international tie breaker in case of a tie (see USA rulebook).

**SEMI FINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES HAVE NO TIME LIMIT.**

For each game **(including playoffs)**, teams will have the option of using 1, 2, 3, etc. Extra Players (EP). **The EP(s) may be used in any spot in the batting order.** Teams using an EP may not use a Flex/DP player. All other USA Softball rules still apply including those covering courtesy runners, substitutions, injured players and playing shorthanded.

We will be using two umpires for all games when available.

This is a zero tolerance tournament. If you are ejected from a game by the umpire, you are banned immediately from the premises for the duration of the tournament.

The home team will keep the official scorebook if an official scorekeeper is not provided.

Immediately after each game, both teams will submit the game results to the Tournament Director (or designated official). Scores may be submitted in person or by text. Teams have 30 minutes after the end of their game to dispute a score. After that time all scores are final.

Protests **MUST** be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. **JUDGEMENT CALLS BY AN UMPIRE ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR PROTEST AND CANNOT BE QUESTIONED.** No protest will be allowed after the game is completed. Tournament Director and Umpire Staff will hear protests and make a decision.

Tournament Directors will have the last say on any rule interpretation that is debated or anything else not fully defined in this document.

Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension. If we have inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to amend the schedule, including reducing the number of games played, if necessary. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience should the New England weather become an issue.