



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

TOURNAMENT CUT OFF D.O.B.:

SPRING/SUMMER: January 1; FALL: September 1

HSD: only open to high school graduates of that past May;

NO college players!

GENERAL PARK RULES

- Smokers need to use the designated smoking areas only.
- Leave the dugouts like you found them; clean and free of trash.
- Please keep your area clean and use the trash cans.
- DO NOT PARK ON GRASS AT ANY TIME.**
- Please do not allow younger children to run around unsupervised, climb the trees, destroy landscaping, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages not permitted and any problems with alcohol at the park will be handled by the Police Department.

COACHES AND PARENTS CONDUCT

This tournament is designed for the kids and we intend to make sure that they are the main priority. There will be umpire judgement calls made during the game that coaches and parents will not be happy with. Please remember that your kids develop their opinions of acceptable behavior from what they see you doing. There will be absolutely no foul/abusive language or unsportsmanlike conduct tolerated. **Tournament Director has the right to remove a fan/parent that continues to harass the umpires. Tournament Director has the right to restrict a coach to the dugout during a game. If a coach or assistant coach is ejected from a game, they must sit out that game and the next game. If a coach is unruly, deemed out of control or creates contact with umpire the Tournament Director reserves the right to end a game and remove team from tournament with no refund.**

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

- Waiver Form. Please complete and turn into tournament director before team takes the field for first game.
- All coaches **shall** have copies of players **birth certificates** and **copy of last report card** in their possession should any question of player eligibility arise. The tournament will not require production of the birth certificates as a requirement upon check-in. However, should a dispute arise, you will be expected to produce them.
- Balls: Teams will use their own balls through the tournament. No infield or outfield ball between games.
- 3GG and 4GG depending on tournament. **In the event a tournament is shortened or cancelled due to inclement weather; the following refund schedule will apply: 0 games played: 100% Refund, 1 game played: 50% refund, 2 games played: No credit or refund.**
- No gate refunds at any time. Please inform fans/supporters if play is in doubt due to weather to wait until games begin before entering the park. All fans enter at their own risk. **Awards are only given out at conclusion of tournament, not pool play.**
- Visitor Team will be in control of scoreboard when scoreboard is located behind backstop. This is the head coach's responsibility to make sure someone is controlling the scoreboard. Home Team will be in control of Official Score Book.
- Seed placement: 1. Record 2. Head to head (NOTE: There are some situations where you can't use head to head) 3. Least runs allowed 4. Most Runs Scored. 5. Flip a coin (NOTE: forfeits due to lack of players reflect a loss and a 0-7 score in pool play and when seeding)
- A tie may occur in pool play. Tie will equal ½ win and ½ loss for seeding purposes. Ties on Sunday in regulation result in 'International Tie Breaker Rule' in top of the 1st extra inning.

	6U, 8U COACH PITCH	10U	12U	14U, HSD
INNINGS	5	5	6	
TIME LIMIT	No new inning after the 50-minute mark. This applies to all championships games as well.	No new inning after the 65-minute mark; <i>This applies to all championships games as well.</i>		
MERCY RULES	6 runs per inning; game over when mathematically impossible to tie	12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.		
DEFENSIVE PLAYERS	10 (4 outfielders)	9 (can start with 8 but must finish with 8 players; 7 or less is a forfeit)		
OFFENSIVE PLAYERS	Can bat entire lineup or just the players on defense	Can bat entire roster; must finish with what you start with		
PITCHING	5; 5 th pitch foul earns another pitch	Unlimited.		
PITCHING DISTANCE	N/A	Rubber will be placed 35' from home plate.	Rubber will be placed 40' from home plate	Rubber will be paced 43' from home plate
CLEATS	Only plastic permitted.	Only plastic permitted.	Metal is permitted.	Metal is permitted.
SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS AGE GROUP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Each team is allowed 2 coaches in the outfield on defense.- You can strikeout.- Coaches may not touch or physically move a player on offense or defense- No infield fly rule.- Runner leaves base early equals team warning; next occasion is an out- Once the ball gets to player/coach in circle, runners must go back if not halfway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Follow all other KHSAA high school rules other than:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- can bat 'whole roster' or use flex...<u>cannot do both.</u>- <u>if no sub available</u>, courtesy runner can be player of last out made- time limit- pool play games can end in a tie- 6 inning game- forfeits due to 7 players or less reflect a loss; 0-7 score recorded in pool play and when seeding		

