

NJSS 50's STATE TOURNAMENT SENIOR SOFTBALL RULES

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IMPORTANT:

ASA Senior Softball Rules apply with some minor modifications

All Managers **MUST READ RULES** prior to start of Tournament, ask Director or Umpire for Clarifications

Rosters and Entrance Fees Must be received 10 days prior to Tournament Date.

Rosters Frozen 7 days prior to Tournament Date.

All Teams Must fill out Roster Cards every game and only those players can participate.

ONLY MANAGERS can contact and speak with Director or Umpire, please!

Managers have questions regarding these rules, contact Director Farlan Alusik (Falusik33NJ@yahoo.com)

Tournament Director has right to modify/add to these Rules Prior to or During Tournament if needed.

1. Roster of 13-20 players maximum. (13 max if adding 4 players, 20 max if original league roster.)
2. ASA Approved Bats **ONLY**
3. Minimum 9 players to start and finish game. (10 Def Players 50's Max & 11 Def Players 60's Max)
4. 1 Forfeit is Loss 7-0, if 2 Forfeits Teams is immediately eliminated from tournament and team loses deposit or entrance fee as well.
5. Bat as many players as needed.
6. Any player playing the field **MUST ALSO BAT**
7. ASA Pitching Arc 6' to 12' Pitcher must pause one second before delivery, no running up or fake. Illegal Pitch
8. 0-0 Count with No Foul. 3rd strike foul is out and ball is dead and no runners can advance.
9. Reentry Rule during game at any time defensively in field.
10. Pinch Runner: cannot use same runner more than once per inning, if you do, the runner is immediately out. Runner must be announced to the umpire and once he touches the base you cannot change runner, if you do, the runner is out. If someone has already run for a player that inning, that player cannot run for someone else that inning.
11. Runners can leave bases after ball has passed home plate, if runner leaves early then runner is out and ball is dead. If the runner does not return to base before the next pitch, he is also out.
12. If player arrives late, they can bat anywhere in lineup as long as team has not batted around 1 time.
13. Pitchers Box 2' Wide by 10' Deep.
14. Mat size is 22" x 36"
15. Plate and Mat is a Strike.
16. 1 Foot Extended in front of batter's box by Umpire. If batter has one foot completely over the extended line, the batter is out on the swing.

17. Umpire will call Illegal Pitch, if hit ball is in play, if not it is a ball.
18. Base paths are approximately 65-70' depending on Field Complex, Except for Non-Movable Bases.
19. No bunting allowed.
20. No metal spikes allowed.
21. 7 Inning games, 5 runs per inning each team, 7 Inning is open.
22. Time Limit Bracket Games is 80minutes. No Time Limit for 2x Elimination games.
23. Top seeded team has choice of Home/Away and Dugout.
24. 15 runs after 5 six innings only in Pool Games if Losing Team chooses to Quit. No mercy rule for semi and finals.
25. Home Run Limits: A Division 10 and 1 up, B Division 5 and out, C Division 3 and out.
26. No Sliding into 1B or Extra Home Plate. If the player does, he is out. Only sliding at 2B and 3B.
27. 2-4 New Softballs supplied each game please return to Umpire all Softballs after game has finished.
28. Softballs, Umpires, Fields, Mats Bases Trophies all supplied by State.
29. Only team managers can discuss any issues with Umpires! (Very Important)
30. No Judgement Calls can be protested. Strike/Ball, Fair/Foul, Safe/Out
31. Only Force Outs at Home Plate. No Tag Plays at Home.
32. Runner must touch outside Plate or Cross Line or the Runner is Out.
33. Umpire will draw commitment line halfway between Home and 3B. Once player touches line or goes over, they may not go back and is an automatic out.
34. All Players must have a Photo ID available to participate if a manager wants to check roster. No Photo ID means No Play.
35. If player is removed from the lineup or game, his next AB is Out and after that you just pass him in lineup unless replaced.
36. If player has to leave early and notifies Umpire prior to start of game no out will be charged in lineup.
37. Umpire has the official score. Teams should confirm the score each inning with Umpire. After the inning is over, the score will not be changed. Home team is the official scorebook both teams should confirm with the umpire each inning.
38. After Full Innings are complete Score will not be changed.
39. After Umpire calls to resume play, you have 2 minutes to start or face possible forfeit.
40. If Umpire does not show up then both managers will decide on a temporary substitute.
41. All players should try to wear SAME COLOR SHIRT with a number on the back.
42. Tie Breaker: International Tie Breaker Rule and 2 innings Max during pool games.
43. Forfeit Time is 10 min grace period only for 1st game of day all other game time starts no grace period.
44. Any manager can request to see the other teams player's ID before, or during game. If not player can be produced that player cannot play.
45. Each Team must appoint a player to retrieve HR Balls; you hit them you get them.
46. Higher seeded team will have choice of dugout for semi-final and final games unless both teams agree to change. Either team can have either dugout for pool play. If teams disagree, umpire will flip a coin for the bench.

47. Teams will be Assigned Dugouts for Pool Play; Higher Seed Team has choice of dugout for playoffs.
48. Any Constant Arguing of Height of Pitches/Flat or any other type of continuous complaining will be 1st WARNED then EJECTION. Zero Tolerance Policy regarding this issue. Act Professional.
49. Runner must slide at 2B or get out of way of fielder to prevent injury, if in Umpires opinion runner is trying to break up double play and avoids to get out of way both runners can be declared out.
50. Any Intentional Sliding or Contact by runner to injure fielder will constitute immediate ejection.
51. Close play at 1B runner must touch safety base or runner is out.
52. If no play at 1B runner can touch either base at 1B.
53. All players must be 50 years of age or older by Dec 31st of that calendar year.
54. Umpire will go over ground rules. Flip of Coin for All Pool Games, Higher Seed Team has choice of Home/Away Playoffs.
55. Any Foul tip by batter is an out and does not have to go over the catcher's head.
56. Extra Score Plate located 8 feet from Home Plate or line extended from 1B to fence.
57. If Illegal Pitch is called, batter can swing or if no swing, pitch is a ball.
58. Once Batter is in Box, pitcher can pitch unless umpire grants Batter time
59. If Umpire has hand up, it means no pitch until umpire drops hand or calls play.
60. If Batter steps into box and even takes 1 pitch with an Illegal Bat and gets challenged for a Non-Approved Bat, he is ejected or if Batter gets a Hit and the other manager challenges prior to next pitch next batter also can be ejected.
61. If Batter uses a Non-Approved ASA Bat, the Batter is out and ejected from the tournament.
62. If player is a non-roster player in field or batter, player and manager ejected if illegal player.
63. Any Physical/Verbal Violence by a player is an automatic ejection.
64. Walk Rule: One player can be chosen per Team. If that Batter is walked 4 times, 1st and 2nd are walks, 3rd walk is a Double, 4th walk is a Triple; after that the count starts over again. Only 1 Batter per Team prior to start game.
65. Appeal plays after ball is dead and time is called; ask Umpire for Appeal. Only 1 appeal per day.
66. Any Ejections: Player must leave field and park immediately.
67. Approximately a 10-minute break between games, longer if needed by managers, Umpire makes Final Call time duration.
68. All managers and umpires should try to work together to manage any problems or disputes at fields.
69. Lose Tournament Fee or Deposit, if they do not show up for the Tournament or Rain Date unless tournament is cancelled.
70. If a team forfeits 2 games, they are eliminated from the tournament, but if team is eliminated that player can participate with another team if he is on their league roster only in the capacity as a coach, scorekeeper, etc.
71. Flip flop rule if both teams agree in the 7th inning.
72. Any protests must be immediately presented to the umpire and director prior to or during game and not after game is over.

73. If a player is on multiple League Rosters in the Tournament, they can only play for 1 Primary Team, but he may participate with another Team in Tournament ONLY in the capacity as a Coach/Scorekeeper etc. Player cannot Hit, Field, Run etc. for Multiple Teams in one age group or Division.
74. Tie Breaker for Teams in Pool Play. Head to Head, Run Differential, Flip of Coin.
75. If a player is on a roster on a senior league in NJ that allows 14-19 yr. old on their roster, that specific player will be allowed to participate as per that county's rules for the State Tournament.
76. International Tie Breaker: Tie game after 7 innings, last batter from previous inning is placed on 2B, cannot get pinch runner until reaching 3B, game proceeds as normal.
77. Only players on roster present at Championship will receive any Awards that day or any day after Tournament.

If you have any questions please contact Director or ask Umpire at Game. The tournament director has the right to change any of these rules prior to or during tournament at any time as needed.

Thank you,
Farlan Alusik

NJ State Tournament Director