

PHBA 2017 Field of Dreams

Tournament Rules and Regulations for B/C Fast Pitch Softball – 10/12/14U

General Rules

1. **Rules of Play:** USA 2017 Official Rules of Softball apply to this B/C tournament except where modified by these rules.
2. **Home Team:** For pool play: Home Team will then be determined by coin toss. Team traveling furthest shall call flip. Dugouts first come first serve. For bracket play: Highest seed is home team.
3. **Pregame:** Provide opposing team and umpire with your lineup ten minutes before game time. Game time is forfeit time, with no grace period.
4. **Post-game:** Each team is responsible for cleaning up its dugout and spectator area.
5. **Score keeping:** The home team shall be responsible for filling out an official score sheet after each game and have it signed by both managers and both umpires, before handing it over to the plate umpire.
6. **Extra player:** one EP. She must remain in the same spot in the batting order throughout the game. DP/Flex ok.
7. **Run-Ahead:** All games including Pool, Elimination and Championship: 15 runs ahead after 3 innings, 12 runs ahead after 4 innings, or 8 runs ahead after 5 innings. (ASA Rule 5, Section 9)
8. **Courtesy runner:** A courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher is allowed at any time. Courtesy runner shall be first: a bench player or if no bench player available the last recorded out or the last batter scheduled to bat in the inning.
9. **Re-entry:** A player, who has previously played, may re-enter the game for an injured player provided there are no other substitutes available.

Time Limit

10. During pool play (Day 1 & 2) games are **6 INNINGS MAX; NO NEW INNING AFTER 70 MINUTES. Drop dead 85 minutes on Friday and Saturday. No drop dead Sunday**
 - a) If a game is called drop dead and the Visiting Team is still at bat, the score will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning.
 - b) If a game is called in accordance with drop dead rule and the Home Team is at bat with less than three (3) outs, and the Home Team is behind in runs scored, the score will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning. If the Home team has tied the score after being behind the previous inning, the game will be scored a TIE. The score will revert back to the score at the end of the prior inning in any other scenario.
 - c) If the game is called in accordance with drop dead and the Home Team is at bat and is leading in runs scored, the score will be the current score and the Home Team will be declared the winner.
 - On Sunday (Day 3), the same time limits apply. NO drop dead
 - The Championship game shall be 7 innings **with no new inning after 90 minutes.** For elimination, game ties see rule 11.

Pool Play Standings

11. Playoff bracket seeding will be based Winning Percentage (the number of wins plus half the number of ties, divided by the total number of games) of all pool play games: $\text{Wins} + (\text{Ties} * 0.5) / \text{Total \# of Games Played}$
12. POOL TIE BREAKERS FORMULA FOR EACH PLACEMENT, i.e. first place is first determine, then the full formula is reapplied to second, third and fourth in that order:
 - Total Win/Loss Record
 - Head to Head Competition
 - Total Runs Allowed
 - Total Runs Scored
 - Coin Flip
13. Mercy rule in effect: 15 runs ahead after 3 innings, 12 runs ahead after 4 innings, or 8 runs ahead after 5 innings. (ASA Rule 5, Section 9)

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14. **Protests:** Valid protests will be resolved immediately by the umpires after consulting printed rules. If necessary, the protesting team can ask for a final decision to be made by the Tournament Director with a \$100.00 deposit. If protesting team loses the protest, they also forfeit the \$100.00 and the decision is final.
15. **Elimination Round:** If a game is tied at the end of an elimination round, the USA international tie breaker rule will apply.
16. **Fri & Sat exception;** teams may bat the entire line up with free substitutions. Courtesy runner (for pitcher/catcher) would be last batted out. If a team isn't batting the entire line up on Fri or Sat, curtesy runner (for pitcher/catcher) would come from bench.
17. **Metal Cleats:** Metal cleats allowed for 14U
18. **Updates:** our scores and bracket updates will be posted on our site <http://phpanthers.leag1.com/Page.asp?n=95967&org=phpanthers>