

## TOURNAMENT RULES

The following tournament rules will be in effect and control where there is a conflict with the AYL regular season rules.

1. There are no protests. If issues occur during the game, the decision made by the on-field umpire and the Umpire in Chief (UIC) is final. The UIC or board representative will be available during all games if there are game issues that coaches wish to raise during the game. Please contact the AYL representative at the respective field to assist with any rule matters.
2. The length of games for all divisions is 1 hour and 30 minutes. No new inning shall start once the game time has expired. Game time will be kept by the home plate umpire. He/she will announce the start time at the end of the pre-game conference at home plate. The Run Rule will be in effect in all games. The rule is if a team scores six (6) runs in their half of an inning, the teams will then change from offense to defense regardless of the outs. The Mercy Rule will be in effect in all games, if the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs at the end of four innings or the home team is ahead by 10 at the end of 3 and ½ innings.

3. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes before the scheduled start time
4. Games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will be decided by the International Tie-Breaker Rule: Placement of the last batter scheduled to bat during that inning at second base with no outs and continue until there is a winner after a completed inning.
5. No pre-game warmups on the infield are allowed.
6. Teams may play with 8 players. Only players who are on the official AYL roster may participate in this tournament.
7. The higher seeded team is the home team except for the "if" game which will be determined by a coin flip at the beginning of the game. Home team will occupy the third base dugout unless the opposing team is playing back-to-back games and is already occupying the third base dugout.

8. Home team will be the official book, although each team is encouraged to keep a score book and to check with the opposing team after each inning.
9. Sportsmanship awards/coins will be given to one member of the opposing team by the other head coach. The coins should go to the player on the other team who best exhibits the true meaning of sportsmanship throughout the game.
- 10.If games cannot be played due to weather or other reasons, tournament games will be rescheduled at the AYL Softball Board's discretion. The decisions of the AYL Softball Board are final.
- 11.Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams at the conclusion of the championship game.