

## Majors Softball Division - Supplemental Rules (Playoffs)

### **Sportsmanship and conduct**

Sportsmanship and conduct are the primary concern of the coaches and assistants. This includes conduct of coaches, players and fans of your team. Proper youth sportsmanship attitudes must be instilled and maintained on every team. Encourage positive cheering by everyone.

All concerns by Coaches, Parents, and Umpires should be brought to the attention of the divisional director or player agent.

### **Schedules**

All games shall begin at their scheduled time. There is no time limit. Any game stopped before a regulation game will be rescheduled and resumed at the point in which it was suspended.

Pre game practice is allowed only if there is no game in progress on the field. Each team will have 15 minutes of on-field practice time 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. The home team will have the first 15 minutes and the Visitors will have the following 15 minutes. For example if your game is scheduled at 6:00 pm, the Home Team will have the field from 5:30 to 5:45 (if needed) and the Visitors from 5:45 to 6:00 (if needed).

The playoff will be a double elimination tournament format. (See figure on next page)  
Trophies will be awarded only to the Champion Team.

Seeding will be determined by blind draw by Majors Softball Director on the day of the last game of the regular season. (Record during regular season does NOT determine seeding for the playoffs.)

Home Team:

Game 6 – The Winners' Bracket team will be home team

Game 7 – Winner of Game 6 will be home team (if necessary)

All other games - Home Team will be decided before each game by a coin toss

Two umpires will be scheduled for each game. If an umpire does not show at the starting time, the game will be started with only one umpire. If no umpires show, the game will be rescheduled.

### **Rain delays and canceled games**

**Lightning or thunder will result in stoppage of play.** When a game is suspended a decision will be made within 15 minutes to continue play or cancel the game. This decision is made by the umpire with the safety of the players in mind.

All games must be regulation games per Babe Rule rules and cannot end in a tie. The League Scheduler and team managers will reschedule all cancelled or suspended games. All rescheduled games and practices must be submitted to and approved by the WBSL Scheduler ([scheduler@windhambaseball.org](mailto:scheduler@windhambaseball.org)).



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**The rules for the WBSL Softball will be the official regulations and playing rules of Babe Ruth Softball. The Majors Softball Division will follow the 12U Rules and Regulations. Any rules not specifically stated or modified below will be governed by the Babe Ruth Softball rulebook.**

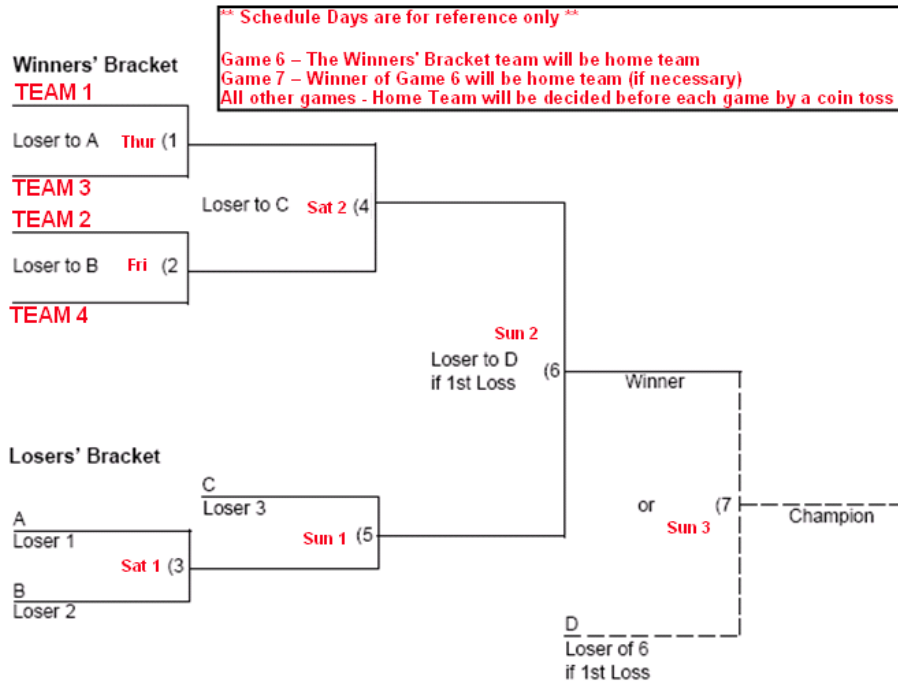
**General rules**

1. Games will be 6 innings in length (no time restriction) and cannot end in a tie.
2. Ten players with four outfielders will be used in the field.
3. The entire roster will bat with late players added to the end of the line up upon arrival.
4. The infield fly rule will be called. Intentional walking a batter is **NOT** allowed. Stealing is allowed for all bases. Batter advancement on a dropped third strike is allowed (1B open or two outs). Bunting is allowed.
6. Base coaches may be managers, coaches, other assistants or players.
7. A limit of **6 runs per inning** applies to both teams except for the home team during the last inning of the game.
8. Mercy Rule – If a Home team is leading by 10 or more runs after 3 ½ innings or the Visitor team is leading by 10 or more runs after 4 innings, the Mercy Rule will apply and the game is completed.
9. Clarification - A batter hit by a pitched ball, which hits the ground or bounces first, constitutes a hit batter. A reasonable attempt to avoid being hit applies and is an umpire judgment.

**Pitching rules**

1. A pitcher's innings will reset at the first game of the playoffs. One pitcher cannot pitch more than 9 innings in two consecutive games. One pitch thrown constitutes an inning pitched.

**4 Team Double Elimination Bracket**



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