



# Darien Lake Tournament Rules

1. A.S.A. official rules will apply with the following exceptions: a) You may bat 10 players. Any 9 of those (or 8 and your flex player) may play defense at any time. b) Courtesy runners, for the pitcher and catcher only, will be allowed for all age groups. In addition to the official ASA rules, the last out will also be allowed.
2. All protests must be made at the time of the incident and will be resolved at that time.
3. Tournament Director reserves the right to change the rules as required, including, but not limited to, the elimination of games as conditions dictate.
4. Roster: Maximum of 16 players. The final rosters and proof of insurance (copy or original) must be given to the tournament director no less than 1/2 hour prior to the start of your first game. Birth dates must be included! Proof of age and photo ID must be available upon request. Players are allowed to play for only one team each weekend, even after their team has been eliminated from tournament play.
5. Each team is responsible for their own insurance (listing Pitch and Hit Events, LLC as an additional insured).
6. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled starting times.
7. During pool play, the home team will be determined by a flip of a coin at home plate by the umpire. The team traveling the farthest may call the coin toss.
8. The home team will be the official scorekeeper for all games. Both teams shall be responsible for accuracy.
9. There will be no full infield practice allowed on the game diamonds! You may hit grounders behind the baselines as time and field conditions permit.
10. Pool games will be seven innings in length with the following exceptions. There will be a time limit of one hour and thirty minutes with no new inning to start after one hour and thirty minutes (per umpire discretion). The mercy rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, or 10 runs after 4. Run differential will be capped at + or - 10 per game. Pool games can end in a tie.
11. FORMAT: Pool Play for seeding purposes -- Every team plays at least one game following pool play (weather permitting).
12. All playoff games will be 7 innings long with a one hour and thirty minute time limit - no new inning can start after one hour and thirty minutes. The A.S.A. mercy rule will be in effect, and the (International) tie breaker rule will be in effect after seven innings or one hour and thirty minutes.
13. All Championship games will be 7 innings long with no time limit. The A.S.A. mercy rule will still be in effect. The (International) tie breaker rule will be in effect after seven innings.
14. Metal Cleats will be allowed in the 18u Division only.

## Tournament Rain-Out Policy

If the entire event is rained out (no games played), all unspent funds will be returned (Umpire Fees, Refundable Facility Fees and Staffing Costs).

If the tournament begins and parts of the event are washed out there will be a pro-rated refund up to each individual team's game 2. If a team begins play in or completes 2 games the tournament will be declared official and no refund will be forthcoming. Questions to: [nturvey@pitchnhitevents.com](mailto:nturvey@pitchnhitevents.com)

## Tournament Play-Off Format Pool Play:

- Guaranteed fourth game will be an elimination, play-off or consolation game.
- Championship play format will be specifically determined based on attending teams one week before event begins and distributed to coaches.

## Tie-Breaker Rules *(for seeding purposes; in order of use)*

1. Head-to-Head competition
2. Run differential (up to mercy rule "10")
3. Fewest runs allowed (overall)
4. Coin flip

## Tournament Mission

1. To provide a number of games for each team within a balanced schedule.
2. To allow a competitive tournament format with opportunities to advance within the tournament.
3. To provide a pleasant and exciting softball tournament while allowing for social activities within the area.
4. To develop the tournament into an exciting annual event that teams from all across the region will attend.