

MILFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL
Official Rules for
10U Summer Slam Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
July 12th – 14th, 2019

GENERAL:

- This tournament is sanctioned by USA Softball of Massachusetts. USA Softball 10U JO Fast Pitch rules are in effect unless specifically overridden here.
- Official USA Softball Rosters, Birth Certificates & Insurance must be presented at the Concession Stand 30 minutes before a team's first game.
- A maximum of 10 fielders will be used in the field. Outfielders must be in the outfield grass prior to each pitch. Teams must field a minimum of 8 players by game time. Those who fail to do so will forfeit that game.
- Home team in pool play will be decided by a double coin toss. **Home team will be the official scorekeeper.** Teams must verify scores after each complete inning & disputes must be settled immediately.
- For all games except championship game, no new inning may be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the start of the game. Any innings in progress at the end of regulation time must be completed. All games will be 6 innings unless reduced by the time rule. Pool Play Games can end in a tie. There will be no time limit on the championship game.
- Free substitution will be used in the field except for the pitcher.
- A 15 run mercy rule will apply after 4 full innings. 10 run mercy rule after 5 full innings, unless the home team is ahead after 4 ½.
- Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- If a batter is removed from the batting order, except for illness or injury, an out will be called for her position in the order.
- In the judgment of an umpire or a coach that an injury requires immediate medical attention, the ball is immediately called dead & the player will be attended to. Placement of runners & batter is at the umpire's discretion.
- Protests will be settled on the field. The umpire's decision is final.
- Cheering is encouraged. Derogatory comments, chants or gestures made towards the opposing team by players, coaches and/or fans will not be tolerated.
- MVP balls will be exchanged after each pool play game on **Friday & Saturday only.** (Teams will provide their own balls.)
- **Both teams** are responsible for reporting game scores to the Concession Tent.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:

- Seeding Tie Breakers: 1-Best Record, 2-Head to Head Competition (if only two teams are tied), 3-Runs Against, 4-Coin Flip
- Home team is determined by higher seed.
- The International Tie-Breaker will be used after 6 innings or if time expires, with the runner starting on 2nd base. Each inning thereafter, the runner starts on 3rd.
- There will be 2 umpires for all championship play games on Sunday.

PITCHING:

- Pitchers may use windmill or modified fast pitch style.
- Pitcher's will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches in the first inning & 3 warm-up pitches each inning thereafter.
- Only the first pitcher of the game may be removed from that position and then later in the game returned to that position.
- The pitcher will be removed from the game if she hits 3 batters in one inning or 5 batters during the course of the game.
- The play is dead when the ball is in the pitcher's possession in the pitcher's circle as long as all runners have stopped any further attempt towards the next base.

BATTING:

- All players are to be included in a continuous batting order.
- The first thrown bat will result in a team warning. Each time any player from that team throws a bat in the same game she will be called out.
- A maximum of 4 runs per team can be scored in an inning unless it is the last inning, then it will be unlimited runs. The umpire must inform both teams that the inning will be the last.

BASE RUNNING:

- Runners are allowed to steal when the pitcher releases the ball.
- Stealing of second and third only is allowed. There will be a limit of 4 steals per inning. A double steal will be considered as 2 stolen bases. Any team with a 10 run lead may not steal or advance via a pass ball or wild pitch.
- A runner cannot advance a base on an overthrow on the steal attempt.
- A batter cannot advance to 1st on a dropped third strike.
- A courtesy runner may be used only for the catcher to speed up the process of the game. The courtesy runner shall be the player that was recorded as the last out.
- **No continuation play will be allowed and no stealing home!!**

This is a zero tolerance tournament. If you are ejected from a game by an umpire, you are immediately banned from the premises for the duration of the tournament.

RAIN POLICY/FORMAT

The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the Tournament Format at any time due to prolonged delays or severe weather conditions. If excessive time is lost due to rain during Pool Play, the schedule will be revised & the number of games will be reduced. If excessive time is lost due to rain during Championship Play, the total number of teams advancing will be reduced based on the amount of time lost. Our ultimate goal is to be fair to all & give everyone the number of games they deserve; however unforeseen circumstances may make it difficult to achieve that goal.

Pool Play and Championship Games will be played at:

Milford High School Softball Fields, 31 West Fountain Street, Milford MA 01757
Memorial School Field, 12 Walnut Street, Milford MA 01757

Concession stands will be set-up providing tournament t-shirts, water, Gatorade, soda, cold cut sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, candy & other food items. Hamburgers & hot dogs at High School only.

NOTE: Milford town by-laws prohibited the use of cooking grills of any kind to be used at the fields. Your cooperation is appreciated.