

MILFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL
Official Rules for
14U Summer Slam Softball Tournament
July 22nd – 24th, 2022

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.
- 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.
- All games will be 7 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.
- Game time will be 1 hour 20 minutes and finish the inning. Then play one additional inning or half inning if the home team is ahead. For Pool Play games if teams play all 6 innings and the 1 hour 20 minute time limit hasn't been reached, the next inning and the one additional inning will be played with the Tie Breaker Rule. If the score is tied after the additional inning the game will be considered over. For Elimination games, if after the additional inning the game is tied, the Tie Breaker rule will be used until a team is declared the winner. Exceptions to this rule will be allowed in cases of inclement weather or in cases of scrimmages and showcase format tournaments.
- Protests will be settled on the field. The umpire's decision is final.
- **Both teams are responsible for reporting game scores. Scores must be emailed to milfordsoftball@gmail.com or texted to 774-462-8921. Include game time & both team names.**

BATTING:

- There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning, except on a home run OVER the fence in which a team will be allowed to score more than the maximum number of runs (all runs count).
- There are NO UNLIMITED RUNS in the final inning as the score can end in a tie.
- The following batting line-ups are allowed in Pool Play Games only:
 - Straight 9 and/or DP/Flex - Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex.
 - Continuous Order - When batting "up to" all roster players, any additional batter(s) shall be listed as an EP and may be listed anywhere in the batting order and may play defense as any position.
 - Example - A team may choose to bat 11 players and list one additional player as a substitute. A team is NOT required to bat all 12 players.
- Teams that bat everyone in their line-up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an ejection. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone. If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:

- Seeding Tie Breakers: 1-Best Record, 2-Head to Head Competition (if only two teams are tied), 3-Runs Against, 4-Runs For, 5-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.
- There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning, except on a home run OVER the fence in which a team will be allowed to score more than the maximum number of runs (all runs count). The final inning will be unlimited runs.
- The final inning will be declared once there is 10 minutes or less in the 80 minute time limit. Should the final inning end before the time limit is reached, the game is over unless tied. If tied, the USA Softball tiebreaker rule will be used to determine a winner.
- For batting, teams may use “straight 9” or DP/Flex. Both teams may use only one EP in their lineup (a max batting order of 10 players).

Pool Play and Championship Play 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

Plains Park, 90 Cedar Street, Milford MA 01757

Phillips Brothers Memorial Field, 24 Mellen St, Hopedale MA

Concession stands will be set-up providing tournament t-shirts, water, Gatorade, soda, 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.

This is a zero tolerance tournament. If a coach is ejected from a game by an umpire, they 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.

TOURNAMENT WEATHER RELATED REFUND POLICY:

Should a tournament have to shorten the number of games played, teams will be refunded based on the following formula: If a team plays zero games, the team will be entitled to their entry fee less non-recoverable tournament expenses. These include, but not limited to, perishable food, T-shirts, trophies, & tournament insurance. Tournament directors will provide USA Softball of Ma this calculation within 7 days of the tournament for approval. Once approved, the tournament MUST send each team a copy of this calculation along with their refund. If a team plays one game, the team will be entitled to 50% of their entry fee. If a team plays two or more games, there will be no refund given. Tournaments MUST refund teams within 14 days from when the tournament was scheduled.

TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY:

Should a team have to drop out of a tournament AND a replacement team has been found, the team shall be entitled to a refund minus the \$100 non-refundable deposit. If a replacement team is unable to be found, no refund will be returned. Teams dropping out once a schedule has been released, will not be entitled to a refund, even if a replacement team is found. Please note that the team dropping out may be subject to additional penalties as determined by USA Softball of MA.