

2018 MARLBORO DIAMOND CAT CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES SUMMARY

#	RULE(S) DESCRIPTION	10U	12U
1	Teams will turn in a USA Softball-approved roster, birth certificates, and insurance binder at least 45 minutes prior to their first game.	X	X
2	All coaches must display their USA-approved background check cards at all times.	X	X
3	No infield is to be taken prior to start of games and teams are not allowed to use any part of the infield during warm-ups.	X	X
4	No live batting practice is allowed on any field (including soft toss). Hitting nets and wiffle balls are permissible.	X	X
5	No metal spikes allowed.	X	X
6	Coin toss to determine home team during pool play. High seeded team will be home team during Sunday's elimination round.	X	X
7	Baserunners may only steal 2nd/3rd base after pitcher releases ball, with no advancement on overthrows	X	
8	Runners can only advance home on a batted ball or on a bases loaded walk/HBP	X	
9	Players pitch from 35 feet (11 inch ball)	X	
10	Players pitch from 40 feet (12 inch ball)		X
11	Dropped third strike is in effect		X
12	Infield fly is in effect		X
13	Continuous batting order (all non-injured players present will bat); late players will be added to bottom of order through the 3rd inning.	X	X
14	Maximum 10 players may play in field and use free substitution (except starting pitcher: see #14)	X	X
15	Only starting pitcher can re-enter game in the pitcher's position	X	X
16	Bunting is allowed; however, slashing (batter shows bunt, pulls back and hits away) is NOT permitted	X	X
17	6-run limit per inning except the 6th innings only, which is unlimited (extra innings in playoffs are also unlimited).	X	X
18	Courtesy runner for next inning pitcher or catcher at any time. Courtesy runner shall be the player who made the last out in an inning.	X	X
19	Games will be 6 innings or time limit	X	X
20	Time limit: no new inning is to begin after 1 hour, 30 minutes (except semi-finals and finals)	X	X
21	Umpire will keep official time, to begin at first pitch with the start of an inning noted as time the last out was made in previous inning.	X	X
22	In pool play, final inning is to be played to completion if home team is trailing, regardless of score (for tiebreaker purposes)	X	X
23	If home team is batting and ahead at the 1:30 time limit, umpire should finish at bat and then call game with all runs counting.	X	X
24	No advancement with a 13+ run lead	X	X
25	Mercy rule I: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings	X	X
26	Mercy rule II: Team trailing by more than six runs going into what is clearly the final (but not 6th) inning of play based on 1:30 time limit.	X	X
27	No extra innings in pool play; pool games can end in a tie	X	X
28	Exchange of MVP game balls during pool play only (players can only receive one game ball)	X	X
29	Elimination round time limits - No new inning after 1:30 for quarter-final games; no time limit for semi-final and final games	X	X
30	Elimination round games will use international tiebreaker after 6 innings or 1:30 time limit, if applicable (whichever comes first)	X	X
31	Tournament director can change schedules, shorten games and/or revise format in the event of inclement weather	X	X
32	No post-game protests are allowed; umpire will settle all disputes on field, in consultation with tournament director (if needed)	X	X
33	Winning team will report score to Concession Stand	X	X
34	Unless otherwise listed here, standard USA Softball rules apply	X	X
35	Team Dance-off: Saturday @ 1 pm on Baldelli Field	X	X
36	No tolerance policy - coaches, players and/or parents ejected from a game are banned from premises for the rest of the tournament.	X	X
37	It is the coaches responsibility to make sure that all dugouts are cleaned after each game.	X	X