

**MILFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Official Rules for**  
**14U Summer Slam Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**  
**July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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1. This tournament is sanctioned by USA Softball of Massachusetts.
2. USA Softball 14U JO Fast Pitch Rules are in effect unless specifically overridden here.
3. Teams:
  - Must be USA Softball Class C teams
  - Rosters, Birth Certificates & Insurance must be presented 30 minutes before first game
4. Pool Play Games:
  - Home team is determined by double coin flip
  - No new inning can start after 1 hour 30 minutes
  - Any inning in progress at the end of regulation time must be completed
  - Games can end in a tie after 7 innings or time expires
  - MVP balls will be exchanged after each pool play game on Friday and Saturday only. **(Teams must provide their own balls.)**
5. Seeding:
  - Best Record
  - Head to Head (applies if only two teams are tied)
  - Runs Against
  - Coin Flip
6. Championship Play Games:
  - Home team is determined by higher seed
  - No new inning can start after 1 hour 30 minutes
  - Any inning in progress at the end of regulation time must be completed
  - International Tie-Breaker after 7 innings or time expires
    - Runner starts on 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Each inning thereafter, runner starts on 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - No time limit on Championship game
  - Two Umpires will be used for all Sunday games
7. Free substitution for all positions except pitcher. The starting pitcher can be re-inserted as a pitcher once during the game.
8. Continuous batting order will be utilized.
9. Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher will be the player recorded as the last out.
10. A maximum of 4 runs per team can be scored in an inning for the first 3 innings and then it will be unlimited runs for the remaining innings.
11. Mercy Rule:
  - 15 runs after 4 full innings
  - 10 runs after 5 full innings, unless the home team is ahead
12. Protests settled on the field. Umpire's decision is **FINAL**.

13. The **home team's scorebook is the official book** for each game. Scorekeepers for each team must compare scores at the end of each inning & disputes are to be settled immediately.
14. Both teams are responsible for reporting game scores to the Concession Tent.

**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 Play Games will be played at:

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

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 prohibit the use of cooking grills of any kind to be used at the fields. Your cooperation is appreciated.**