

## Franklin Summer Invitational Rules 2021-16U

Rule(s) Description	16U
Each team will turn in an ASA/USA-approved team roster, birth certificates for each player, and insurance binder	X
Paperwork will be turned in 1 hour before your first game of the tournament	X
All coaches must always have available their ASA/USA-approved background check cards.	X
Game captains, coaches, & umpire meeting during which line-ups exchanged and ground rules discussed with double coin toss to decide home team during pool play (two line-ups are required- opposing team and umpire)	X
Unless otherwise listed here, standard ASA/USA rules apply	X
Maximum 9 players may play in the field	X
Players pitch from 43 feet with 12-inch ball	X
Games will be 7 innings	X
At the 1 hour, 20-minute mark as declared by the umpire the game will complete that full inning and then play one additional inning or half inning if the home team is ahead. If tied at end of 7 and time allows then teams will go to USA Softball Tie Breaker.	X
The time limit will exist through the Quarterfinals. There will be no time limit for the Semi-Finals and Championship Game.	X
Pool games can end in tie.	x
If game is tied for an Elimination round game the USA Softball Tie Breaker rule will be used if time expires or starting with the 8 <sup>th</sup> inning if a Semi or Championship game	X
<p><b>Batting Options: Pool</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Straight 9 and/or DP/Flex</b> - Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex.</li> <li>● <b>Continuous Order</b> - 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. Free Substitution on defense</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>	X
<p><b>Batting Options: Elimination round</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Straight 9 and/or DP/Flex</b> - Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex.</li> </ul>	X
<p><b>In Pool Play only:</b> Courtesy runner allowed for Pitcher/Catcher of record only. Runner must be player who made the last out unless that is the Pitcher/Catcher on record and then previous out used.</p>	X
Mercy Rule: 15 runs after 3, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings	X
Highest seed has choice of home or away in playoff round on Sunday	X
Highest seed on Sunday has choice of dugout	X
Coach/Team will award Player of Game to opposing player during pool play only	X
Tournament Director can change schedules, shorten games, and revise format in the event of inclement weather.	X
Coaches are responsible for cleaning out dugout immediately following each game	X
<b>Absolutely no jewelry. No taping of jewelry (ex. Band-Aids) to cover jewelry is allowed. Medical bracelets are allowed.</b>	X
Two Umpires will be used for Pool Play and Elimination games	X