

MILFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL
Official Rules for
12U Summer Slam Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
July 16th – 18th, 2021

1. This tournament is sanctioned by USA Softball of Massachusetts. USA Softball 12U JO Fast Pitch Rules are in effect unless specifically overridden here.
2. Teams:
 - Must be USA Softball Class C teams
 - Official USA Softball Rosters, Birth Certificates & Insurance must be presented at any concession stand 30 minutes before a team's first game
3. Pool Play Games:
 - Home team is determined by double coin flip
 - All games will be 6 innings unless reduced by the time rule. The time rule will be 1 hour 20 minutes. When time expires, the current inning must be completed & then the next inning will be the last inning with unlimited runs allowed.
 - Pool Play Games can end in a tie.
 - **MVP balls will be exchanged after each pool play game on Friday and Saturday only. (Teams must provide their own balls)**
4. Seeding:
 - Best Record
 - Head to Head (applies if only two teams are tied)
 - Runs Against
 - Coin Flip
5. Championship Play Games:
 - Home team is determined by higher seed
 - 6 innings unless mercy or time rule stated above applies
 - A Tie-Breaker rule will be used after 6 innings or if time expires, with a runner starting on 2nd base. Each inning thereafter, a runner starts on 3rd. The runner will be the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning.
 - No time limit on Championship game
 - Two Umpires will be used for all Sunday games
6. A maximum of 10 fielders will be used in the field. Outfielders must start in the outfield until the ball is released.
7. Teams must field a minimum of 8 players by game time. Those who fail to do so will forfeit that game.
8. Free substitution for all positions except pitcher. The starting pitcher can be re-inserted as a pitcher once during the game.
9. Continuous batting order will be utilized.
10. Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher will be the last recorded out.
11. 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.

12. Any team with a 10 run lead may not steal or advance via a pass ball or wild pitch.
13. Mercy Rule:
 - 15 runs after 4 full innings
 - 10 after 5 full innings, unless the home team is ahead
14. Protests settled on the field. Umpire's decision is **FINAL**.
15. 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.
16. **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 Games will be played at:

Milford High School Softball Fields, 31 West Fountain Street, Milford
Memorial School Field, 12 Walnut Street, Milford
Plains Park, 90 Cedar Street, Milford

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.