

**MILFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Official Rules for**  
**10U Summer Slam Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**  
**July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**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.
- A maximum of 10 fielders will be used in the field. Outfielders must be in the outfield grass prior to each pitch. Teams must field a minimum of 8 players by game time. Those who fail to do so will forfeit that 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 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. There will be no time limit on the championship game.
- Free substitution will be used in the field except for the pitcher.
- A 15 run mercy rule will apply after 4 full innings. 10 run mercy rule after 5 full innings, unless the home team is ahead after 4 ½.
- Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- If a batter is removed from the batting order, except for illness or injury, an out will be called for her position in the order.
- In the judgment of an umpire or a coach that an injury requires immediate medical attention, the ball is immediately called dead & the player will be attended to. Placement of runners & batter is at the umpire's discretion.
- Protests will be settled on the field. The umpire's decision is final.
- Cheering is encouraged. Derogatory comments, chants or gestures made towards the opposing team by players, coaches and/or fans will not be tolerated.
- MVP balls will be exchanged after each pool play game on **Friday & Saturday only.** (Teams will provide their own balls.)
- **Both teams** are responsible for reporting game scores to the Concession Tent.

**PITCHING:**

- Pitchers may use windmill or modified pitch style.
- Pitcher's will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches in the first inning & 3 warm-up pitches each inning thereafter.
- Only the first pitcher of the game may be removed from that position and then later in the game returned to that position.

- The pitcher will be removed from the game if she hits 3 batters in one inning or 5 batters during the course of the game.

**BATTING:**

- All players are to be included in a continuous batting order.
- A maximum of 4 runs per team can be scored in an inning for the first 4 innings, then it will be unlimited runs for the remaining innings.

**BASE RUNNING:**

- Stealing of second and third only is allowed. There will be a limit of 4 steals per inning. A double steal will be considered as 2 stolen bases. Any team with a 10 run lead may not steal or advance via a pass ball or wild pitch.
- A runner cannot advance a base on an overthrow on the steal attempt.
- A batter cannot advance to 1<sup>st</sup> on a dropped third strike.
- A courtesy runner may be used only for the catcher to speed up the process of the game. The courtesy runner shall be the player that was recorded as the last out.
- **No continuation play will be allowed and no stealing home!!**

**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:**

- Seeding Tie Breakers: 1-Best Record, 2-Head to Head Competition (if only two teams are tied), 3-Runs Against, 4-Coin Flip
- Home team is determined by higher seed.
- A Tie-Breaker rule will be used after 6 innings or if time expires, with a runner starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Each inning thereafter, a runner starts on 3<sup>rd</sup>. The runner will be the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning.
- There will be 2 umpires for all championship play games on Sunday.

**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 MA 01757  
Memorial School Field, 12 Walnut Street, Milford MA 01757

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.**