

CUA Softball Tournament Rules

- 1) Tournaments are either bracket or pool play and will be determined by the tournament director. 3 games guaranteed per division.
- 2) Teams will conduct a coin flip prior to the game to determine home and away.
- 3) The winner will be determined by the team with the most runs after a full inning played.
- 4) Unlimited runs per inning.
- 5) Run Rules per game
 - a) 10 runs after 3rd inning
 - b) 8 runs after 4th inning
 - c) 6 runs after 5th inning
 - d) 5 runs after 6th inning.
 - e) Limit to 7 inning games.
- 6) Roster batting is optional.
- 7) 12U pitchers can pitch no more than five innings per game. Age's 14U-18U unlimited innings pitched.
- 8) Courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher – last batter or optional bench players.
- 9) No new inning starts after 65 minutes. If inning starts before 65 minutes and the home team is behind then finish the bottom of the inning, or if game time is 65 minutes or more and the away team has 3 outs in the top of the inning, the game is over. Home team will not bat.
 - a) The International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect if the score is tied after regulation innings. At the start of each inning, the last batter scheduled to bat in this inning starts on second base. At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score. If the game remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until a victor emerges (one team scores more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning).
- 10) At start of the game, 5 warm up pitches, after that 2 warm up pitches per inning.
- 11) No Stalling, game controlled by the umpires.
 - a) Offensive stalling adds a strike to the batters count each time.
 - b) Defensive stalling adds a ball to the batters count each time.
- 12) Ejections
 - a) Any Coach ejected from the game will not be allowed to return to the tournament.
 - b) Players ejected will sit out the rest of the game.
- 13) Games will start ahead of schedule if possible.
- 14) USSSA bats optional.
- 15) Any ball that hits the roof or lights is a dead ball.
- 16) Only 2 coaches per Team (These are the only ones that are FREE).
- 17) 12u pitching mound is 40 feet, 14u-18u is 43 feet. Base path distance is 60 feet apart.
- 18) Molded cleats, turf shoes and tennis shoes are allowed. Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 19) Warm up in between fields prior to games. Limited warm up time on field with discretion of home ump or maximum of 5 minutes.

- 20) Each day, the door will open a half hour prior to the first game on schedule. That includes the lobby and the turf field.
- 21) Unlimited players can hit in lineup.
- 22) Coaches can exchange lineups if needed.
- 23) Base ump has official control of time and score while the home ump controls the game and rules. Home team can communicate score and time left after each end of innings to verify with base ump and away team. Umpires have final decision with the time and score.
- 24) No outside food, beverages and chairs allowed in the facility except for water bottles.
- 25) The coaches are responsible for making sure the parents understand the [facility rules](#).