

Amateur Softball Association, of New Jersey, Inc.

LIFE MEMBERS

George T. Cron 1993
Leo J. Spirito 1994
Richard C. Archer 1994
Phil Gutowski 1995
James Powers 1995
James Clark 1996
Robert S. Peters 1997
Rosie Givens 1999
Keith A. Benovengo 2001
William J. Smith, Jr. 2003

Greater Union County, NJ Softball Umpires Association, Inc.

Established 1990

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July 21, 2012

Tournament Rules

**In the event of bad weather and we have to cancel or change the schedule you will be notified by 6:30am.
If you are traveling, please make sure we have your cell phone number.**

1. **All managers** must report **1 hour** prior to their first game to the Tournament Directors station located at the **snack bar**. Have ready for review:
 - a) ASA team registration card
 - b) Proof of team insurance
 - c) Submit roster to Director (on your own form)
 - d) Copy of birth certificates
2. **ASA Rules will apply**, including the ASA approved bat lists
3. All divisions will field 9. ASA flex player rules apply.
4. Lineup cards are required, Home team book is official and must be notified of all changes.
Rule 5 is extremely important.
5. A) **Time limit: no new inning to start after 1:20** on Saturday. (games can end in a tie).
B) **Game time means first pitch thrown time.** Only injury may cause a deviation to the 1:20. In order to maintain the time schedule "**be prepared**" to play because the clock "**will be running**".
C) **Saturdays score is final per 5a above or after 7 innings(or tie breaker).**

6. Home team for Sunday games will be determined by coin toss and there will be no time limit . In the event of a tie after 7 complete innings ASA rules will apply.
7. **Game time is forfeit time.**
8. **International tiebreaker** on Saturday if 7 innings are completed and we are under the time limit but once time limit has expired the game is over.
9. **METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN 16U DIVISION**
10. **Courtesy runner** may be used at anytime for pitcher and catcher. ASA rules governing courtesy runners will apply. *(please familiarize yourself with this rule)*
11. **Umpire In Chief** will rule on all rule discrepancies and his decision is final.
12. **Mercy Rule**: 15 runs after 3, 12 runs after four innings, 8 runs after 5.
13. All games Saturday and Sunday will be **coin toss** for choice of home or visitor.

14. The umpire will report the scores to the Tournament Director; it is also recommended that the winning teams do also. The umpires' score is the official score.
15. Warmups and practice is not allowed on the infield. Teams can use the outfield.
16. **Field Maintenance** – Fields will be dragged for the start of the game day. If time and weather permits we will try to do it during the day.

17. **Round Robin play on Saturday is for positioning for Championship Bracket play on Sunday.** All forfeits or not played games on Saturday or Sunday will be calculated as a 7-0 score.

Based on Round Robin play on Saturday the Tournament Directors will determine positioning for Sundays Championship Bracket as such:

- Best record based on points, 2 points for a win. 1 for a tie.
- Head to Head play
- Least number of runs allowed
- Most total runs scored
- Coin toss
- **ALL MANAGERS MUST REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS TABLE AFTER THERE LAST GAME ON SATURDAY, SO WE CAN CONFIRM A TELEPHONE NUMBER WERE YOU CAN BE REACHED TO GIVE YOU YOUR FIELD AND GAME TIME FOR SUNDAY**

Championship Bracket Play on Sunday will be single elimination.

Incomplete Tournament. In the event the tournament cannot be completed the following procedures shall be used to break ties among teams in the same spot in the bracket

- If the first round of play on Sunday is incomplete then Saturdays results will be used (see above).
- If the first round is completed and the second round and/or Championship Game cannot be completed then the following will determine the Champion of that age bracket:
 1. The teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per games played on Sunday
 2. If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked according to the most runs scored per game played on Sunday
 3. Coin Toss

And finally.....

- We emphasize sportsmanship and expect proper behavior from all team members, coaches, parents, and spectators at all times. We understand games can be competitive but any behavior that is deemed inappropriate or disruptive will not be tolerated. Determination of poor behavior is subjective and penalty may range from ejection from the game or park to being banned from the tournament and future participation.
- The Tournament Directors reserve the right to adjust the schedule as they see fit to ensure the tournament's completion. This includes but is not limited to the following: tournament format, change in game length, tournament schedule, fields, number of games guaranteed, game times, game dates, etc.

Let's all hope for great weather and a weekend of enjoying softball!!!!!!

NJ ASA District II, Union County Commissioner

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Tournament Directors