



## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Pool games and all playoff games up to the Page Playoff Finals will be timed at no new inning after 60 minutes and play to stop after 70 minutes (or 7 innings, whichever occurs first) – though every effort will be made to finish the game at even innings. All three Grand Finals will be a full seven innings.
2. Round-robin games can end in a tie. Page Playoff and other playoff games must be played to a conclusion (see #6, below).
3. There will be no “batting out” where the home team is ahead in the final inning.
4. All round-robin games must end on time, regardless of how late they start.
5. Runs Ahead (Mercy rules) will be in force for all games, including Grand Finals. The rules are: 20 runs after three innings, 15 after four and 10 after five.
6. Page Playoff games cannot be tied. Apart from the finals game, if a playoff game is tied going into what has been ruled as the last inning, the tie-breaker will be used at the start of that inning. If the game is still tied after that inning, the score will then revert to the end of the last complete inning in which one team was ahead. Finals at the end of the tournament will be played to a conclusion.
7. In determining pool standings, the decider between two teams with identical records will be the head-to-head result. If three or more teams are tied, the deciders will be:
  - Head-to-head results where one team has lost to more of the others.
  - If still tied:
    - Runs conceded in games between those teams. If still tied:
    - Runs conceded in all pool games by those teams. If still tied:
    - Coin toss.
8. Apart from any exceptions noted, WBSC Softball rules will be in effect.
9. 12” softballs will be used for male batters and 11” softballs for female batters.

10. Courtesy runners will be allowed in the case of incapacitation, but only by agreement of the other team in advance of the at-bat and only from first base. A batter-runner who is going to be replaced by a courtesy runner cannot advance beyond first base, regardless of the quality of their hit.
11. In the event of bad weather, organisers may shorten game times, go to a 1-1 count or (if necessary) cancel some games.
12. BANNED BATS. Please do not bring banned bats to the tournament (if in doubt consult the ASA banned bat list on: [http://usa.asasoftball.com/e/build\\_batlist\\_one\\_page.asp](http://usa.asasoftball.com/e/build_batlist_one_page.asp)). Any banned bats found on first inspection will be impounded for the duration of the event. Any found during subsequent games will result in the offending team forfeiting that game 7-0 and the player being banned from the rest of the event.
13. If you wish to lodge a protest, inform the umpire and opposing team at the time, play out the game, then consult the STR, Stan Doney immediately after the game. However, the schedule makes it very unlikely that any games can be replayed.