



## INDOOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES & INFO

To receive the tournament schedule your team Roster must be online in your Coaches Account at Exposure Events  
Please refer to the [www.championsevents.org](http://www.championsevents.org) website for COVID-19 Policies, located on the main page.

### 1. TEAMS:

- a. Teams must Check In – One (1) hour prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Game. Event Scoring online at Champions APP.
- b. Champions Provides Tournament Insurance and therefore requires completed Rosters in advance.
- c. Teams must Roster Players in Champions Official Registration Provider; *Exposure Events (Coaches Account)*
- d. Coaches should carry Player Birth Certificates.
- e. Players are only permitted to play for one team in any given division.
- f. A team can-not start a game with less than nine players.

### 2. GAME RULES – *Defer to USA SOFTBALL*

- a. Both teams are required to turn in scores to the Tournament Director following each game.
- b. Batting: Defer to USA Softball Batting Rules.
  - i. Teams must declare their intentions to the opposing manager and Umpire prior to each game.
  - ii. The Designated Player (DP) / FLEX is optional but must be declared before the game starts.
- c. Each team will play with 9 players in the field of play.
- d. Distances: 40'/43' (depends on Age Division)
- e. Bats: Defer to USA SOFTBALL 2021 Bat Standards.
- f. Batted ball hits the netting in foul territory in the air it is a foul ball.
- g. Openings in the outfield netting at the emergency exits are a ground-rule double.
- h. Any ball that hits the ceiling in fair territory will be considered a FOUL ball.
- i. In-field fly rule is in effect.
- j. Players allowed to wear molded cleats, turf shoes, or sneakers ONLY.
- k. One on deck batter is allowed on the field down the baseline past the either first or third base coach.
- l. Pitchers are allowed a maximum of 3 warm-up pitches prior to the start of each inning.
- m. A runner must slide, give up or avoid contact with a defensive player on close plays.
- n. Malicious contact is grounds for ejection from the game and/or the tournament at umpire discretion.
- o. No pinch runners are permitted.
- p. Dropped third-strike rule will be in effect.

### 3. GAMES:

- a. Coin flip at Home plate prior to each game to determine the home team during pool play.
- b. 1:10 time-limit (finish Inning) is in effect for entire Tournament, no new inning after 1:05.
- c. Game clock starts immediately after home plate meeting.
- d. Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 4 innings.
- e. 6-run max per inning rule will apply except in the last inning where you can score unlimited runs.
- f. Game is called (over) when home team is leading in the final inning (as instructed by Umpires).
- g. Catcher speed-up rule is in effect. The last batted out or sub may replace the catcher at any time.
- h. Outfield warm-up only; permitted on the field at the start of the first inning only if game is on-time.
- i. Conferences: Keep it Brief. One per Pitcher. Pitcher replaced upon second conference.
- j. TIES: Allowed in Pool Play.

#### 4. PLAYOFFS

- k. Seeding Age Groups: Tie breakers are as follows in this order:
  - \*Head-to-head / Least Runs Allowed / Runs Scored / Run Differential / Coin Flip
  - \* If 3 or more teams are tied in overall record, Head -to-Head is null or void (4 or more teams in div.)
- l. Tournament Format
  - i. Higher seeds have choice through playoffs.
  - ii. Pool Winners advance to finals or semis if 3-4 pools.
  - iii. There are NO protests.
  - iv. CHAMPIONS TIEBREAKER: After time limit expires and there is a tie, a new inning starts; the visiting team starts with the base loaded and 1 out. The runners are determined by the 3 players in the batting order that will precede the leadoff hitter for the inning. In order that they would score. Example: If the number 5 hitter is to lead off the inning, the number 4 hitter is on first, the number 3 hitter is on second and the number 2 hitter is on third. The home team will bat the same in the bottom of the same inning and this is repeated until there is a winner.
  - v. Time limit for Consolation games will be 1:10 finish the inning.

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS

- m. No sunflower seeds are allowed in the facility. Gum is NOT allowed on the playing fields.
- n. **Spectators (parents-fans) must watch games on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level ONLY.** Please note, Pinnacle Athletic Campus charges a daily entry fee. No outside food or drinks allowed to be carried into PAC.

#### 6. PARTICIPANT MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE:

- o. Pinnacle Athletics and Champions Events has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards unsportsmanlike behavior. The umpire has the right to eject players and maintain a safe environment.
- p. Any player/coach who is ejected will incur a minimum one-game suspension from play. A second offense will result in the individuals' suspension for the winter season.

*Champions Events & Pinnacle Athletics reserves the right to add, modify or change the rules of play at any time to ensure fair play and the safety of all teams and players.*

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