**AFA 2025 National Qualifier**

**AFA Play for the Planet**

**Poway Sportsplex**

12349 McIvers Ct, Poway, CA 92064

**AFA National Qualifier Rules:**

-All Teams must have an AFA membership:

<https://fastpitch.afasoftball.com/get-involved/team-membership/>

-Teams must check in one hour prior to the first game at the AFA booth and submit a completed Roster Form.

-All teams must show their current insurance as well as carry birth certificates in case of protest.

-Team listed first will occupy first base dugout for pool play and listed on top in bracket play.

-Coin tosses will determine the home team in pool play games. Higher seed will be home team in an elimination play.

-All pool/bracket games are 1 hour and 20 minutes no new innings

-Be sure to hustle in and out between innings to keep the game flowing. The pitcher will get either 3 warm-up pitches or one minute.

-Games may end in a tie during pool play. Elimination games must have a winner

-Championship game is 7 innings (Mercy Rule in effect)

-Teams need to be prepared to play up to 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Games may be moved to different fields in order to insure games stay on schedule

-Teams may use DP/Flex and 2 Extra hitters (EH). Total of 11 batters/12 players

-Courtesy runners (for pitcher/catcher) must come from a substitute.

-In the event the game goes to international tiebreaker the player who is due to bat last (last batter) is placed on second base.

- If a team plays 4 pool games, their worst score will drop. However all of their head-to-head games will count towards a tiebreaker if needed.

-Mercy rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, 8 runs after 6 inning

-Sportsmanship is a must. Ejected players and coaches may need to sit the following game. Final decision will be made by the UIC/Tournament Director.

-There will be zero tolerance of harassment of umpires by fans.

-Protest fee is $100.00 and the protest must happen at the exact time of play without any additional pitches made.

-If an award/prize is being given away for the Championship game, the game must be played in order to receive the award/prize. If Championship game is forfeited no awards will be distributed.

**Pool Standings Tie Breakers:**

1. **W/L Record;**
2. **Head to Head play (if all teams tied have each played each other);**
3. **Run allowed;**
4. **Runs scored;**
5. **Coin toss**

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