AFA National Qualifier 2025

Memorial Day Double Elimination Tournament

**AFA National Qualifier Rules**

The **American Fastpitch Association** follows the [National Federation of State High School Association](http://www.nfhs.com/) rules with some variations. If you would like to order an NFHS softball rule book you may do so by going to [www.nfhs.com](http://www.nfhs.com/) and selecting the 2020 Softball Rules Book. The American Fastpitch Association does not receive any portion of the cost of purchasing the NFHS rule book.

* All Teams must have an AFA membership. https://fastpitch.afasoftball.com/get-involved/team-membership/
* Teams must check in one hour prior to their first game at the AFA site booth. - All teams must show their current roster, insurance, and must carry birth certificates
* First base team dugout team listed first in pool and top in bracket play.
* Coin tosses will determine the home team in pool play games. Higher seed will be the home team in an elimination play.
* Double Elimination
* All pool games are 1 hour and 30 minutes no new innings
* Games may end in a tie during pool play
* Elimination games must have a winner
* Championship game is 7 innings or 1:45 no new inning for 12U, 14U, HS Divisions
* Championship game is 6 innings or 1:45 no new inning for 10U
* 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) for a total of 11 hitters max/12 players
* Courtesy runners must come from a substitute.
* In the event the game goes to international tiebreaker the player who is due to bat last is placed on second base.
* Mercy rules: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, 8 runs after 6 innings
* Coaches, please remember to sign up for the app for updates on fields, scores, and other event information. WC AFA on app store and google play.
* Coaches: it’s recommended that you carry a first aid kit and ice packs.
* Sportsmanship is a must. Ejected players and coaches may need to sit the following game. Final decision will be made by the UIC. There will be zero tolerance of harassment of umpires by fans.
* A protest fee is $100.00 and the protest must happen at the exact time of play without any additional pitches made.

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Download the West Coast AFA tournament app to follow live scores!

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/west-coast-afa/id1255908124> | https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.exposure.westcoastafa

**Pool Standings Tie Breakers:**

1. W/L Record

2. Head to Head play (if all teams tied have each played each other)

3. Runs allowed

4. Runs scored