

IN THE NET WINTER TOURNAMENT RULES

- Teams must hand in a signed roster and insurance

- **NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE DOME (sneakers, plastic cleats or turf shoes only)**
- **Teams must be prepared to play and at the field 15 minutes prior to their first scheduled game of the day. After their first game they must be ready to play 10 minutes after previous game**
- **Sneakers only in batting cages**

Tournaments will be governed by 2024 USA Girls Softball Rulebook (with the following exceptions):

Pool Play: Games will be 1 hour finish the inning

All players may be in the batting order and free substitutions are allowed at this point
Home and away will be decided by a coin flip

Elimination Play: Games will be 1 hour finish the inning

Higher seed decides home or away, All players can bat. No free substitutions. Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher only, must be a sub or if there is no subs the last completed out of the game.

Elimination play will begin after pool play is completed

Championship Play: Championship Game in each age group will follow **1 Hour finish the inning time limit, the run rule will remain in play for ALL GAMES**

- **Mercy Rule: Will be in place for ALL GAMES**
 - 12 after 3 innings
 - 10 after 4 innings
 - 8 after 5 innings
- **Tie Breaker Criteria**
 - 1. Overall Record
 - 2. Head to Head
 - 3. Runs Against
 - 4. Run Differential

Batting Line UP:

- **POOL PLAY: EVERYONE CAN PLAY**
 - COURTSEY RUNNER HAS TO BE A SUB OR THE LAST COMPLETED OUT IF NO SUB IS AVAILABLE
- ALL substitutions must be announced to the umpire.

- **ELIMINATION PLAY: EVERYONE CAN PLAY**
 - COURTSEY RUNNER HAS TO BE A SUB OR THE LAST COMPLETED OUT IF NO SUB IS AVAILABLE
- ALL substitutions must be announced to the umpire.

Additional Rules:

- Any ball hit off the wall or ceiling automatic foul ball / dead ball
- Balls that roll under the fence is a ground rule double
- Games can end in tie during pool play
- NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS OR GUM ARE ALLOWED

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- Pool Play 1 hour **finish the inning**
 - All players may be in the batting order and free substitutions are allowed at this point, Home and away will be decided by a coin flip
 - A max of 5 runs per inning can be scored.
 - If the batter strikes out and the ball is dropped, the batter is out and cannot advance to first base, but the ball remains live for the purpose of throwing the advancing runner out
- Stealing bases are allowed as well as stealing home
- Teams will only be allowed to have 9 players on the field **NO fourth outfielder** is allowed.

Warm up:

Batting Cages & Warm Up @ In the Net Fields

On field warm up is not guaranteed. Batting cages may be reserved in advance of the tournament
Email Ali@inthenet.com (Payment is due at time of making a reservation)

Batting cages are located in the Baseball & Softball Academy which is attached to the main lobby. **SPIKES ARE PROHIBITED (SNEAKERS ONLY). Bring your own softballs when using the cages.**

Scheduling: Teams will receive their pool play game schedule by email no later than the Tuesday before the tournament. See Ali at the front desk for seeding info. Please make sure your team is ready to start up play right away after seeding has been announced.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR: Negative behavior/bad sportsmanship at youth sporting events has become a major issue. In The Net Softball Tournaments are not immune as we still see coaches and parents that choose to act in a negative manner toward the opposing team or an umpire from time to time. **Please remember that the games are for the kids, not the adults, and we expect each adult to set a positive example for the players through their words and actions.**

Everyone that attends a tournament is expected to act in a positive manner, no matter the outcome of a play, call by an umpire, or the game itself.

We simply ask the following:

- Let the players play
- Let the coaches coach
- Let the umpires umpire

Fine Print: *The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust rules, schedules, brackets, and field location as needed to complete the tournament. Every attempt will be made to honor the game minimum- however, if a situation develops where a team forfeits or the weather does not cooperate the Tournament Director will make an attempt to reschedule games, shorten games, or cancel games in order to complete the tournament in a timely fashion.*

**ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
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