



**Palm Springs Turkey Shootout will follow USA Softball and NAGAAA rules except as modified herein:**

**Registration & Rosters:**

- Team Registration: closes on October 25, 2024, and team entry is not fully complete until team registration fee is paid.
- Roster deadline: November 1, 2024. All teams must submit their team roster with ratings for their players. Ratings need to include answers to the 2024 NAGAAA Open Division Player Rating Guidelines. Player ratings submitted on roster forms will be verified with the NAGAAA database.
- Players without a 2024 NAGAAA rating: All rostered players must be listed in the NAGAAA database with a 2024 rating. If you have new players, work with your home league to accurately rate and approve your new player's rating and have your commissioner input them into the database prior to the tournament. There will be no exceptions.
- All players must register to play by signing the official Turkey Shootout ratings roster in Palm Springs. A valid, state-issued I.D. will be required at registration.  
**There will be no player registration on Sunday – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- All Players must register by signing their team's roster prior to appearing on a lineup card. Any player found playing a game without having signed the player roster is subject to ejection and the team will forfeit that game.

**Pick Up Players:**

- A team may pick up and add players after their final roster is due and prior to their first game if the player(s) do not adversely affect the overall team rating (meaning put the team into a higher division).
- Added players' information (name, rating, etc) needs to be submitted to tournament director prior to close of player registration and they must have a 2024 NAGAAA player rating.
- Pick up players must register prior to playing. **There will be no player registration on Sunday.**

**Eligible Players:**

- A player is eligible to play in the Turkey Shootout Open Division if they have signed their team's roster and have 2024 NAGAAA player rating in input into the NAGAAA database. Their placement on a team's roster must comply with the Division Determination rules indicated below. No player is allowed to be on more than one team's roster that is playing in the Turkey Shootout.

**Short-Handed:**

- A team must have at least 9 players present to start or continue a game. If a team starts a game with less than 10 players, then the vacant position must be listed last in the batting order and will be considered an 'out' when it becomes the 10th position's turn to bat.
- If playing short-handed and an additional player arrives, they can enter the game immediately. They must be included on the line-up in the 10<sup>th</sup> position.

**Extra Players on Offense Rule:**

- Teams can have up to **12 players** (2 extra hitters) in their batting lineup. If a team starting with 10-12 players loses a player during the game and has no one to substitute for that player, then an out will be assessed each time the player that left the lineup comes up to bat. If you start the game with 10 or 11 players in the batting lineup you may not increase the number of batters in the batting line-up.



### **Home Team:**

- Pool play game = coin toss
- Elimination games = higher seeded team will be home team; should both teams have the same seed, then coin toss for home.
- Championship-- Undefeated team will be home team
- "IF" game = coin toss will determine Home/Visiting team

### **Strike Count:**

- All games will begin with a 1-1 count, with NO foul to give, including Championship games.

### **Home Runs:**

- **C Division** – one (1) homerun over the fence – any subsequent homerun over the fence will be considered **an inning ending** out.
- **D & E Divisions** – zero (0) homeruns - ANY homerun over a fence will be **an inning ending** out.

### **Courtesy Runners:**

- A team can use **one courtesy runner per inning** at any time. The courtesy runner can be any player listed on the team's roster. You may **NOT** substitute a player for a courtesy runner if that courtesy runner's turn comes to bat.
- Player Inclusion Policy (PIP) accommodations: for players who qualify and provide PIP exception documentation, the team may receive an additional courtesy runner, per inning for that player. Courtesy runner for PIP player must be the last out.  
Please submit, in advance of the tournament, supporting documents from your home league stating such for PIP accommodations.

### **Run Ahead Rule:**

- 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after five innings.
- This rule will be in effect for the Championship Games as well.

### **Tie-Breaker:**

- Ties will stand in all Pool Play games when time has expired. Once time has expired, the inning will only be completed if the score is tied or the home team is behind.
- During bracket play, if the score is tied after the completion of 7 innings of play or when time has expired, then the USA Softball international tiebreaker rule shall be in effect.

### **Tournament Format:**

- All Open divisions will play 2 pool games.
- Teams will be seeded into double elimination play.
- In general, pool seeding will be based on the following in the order presented:
  - a) win/loss/tie record in the following order: 2-0-0; 1-0-1; 1-1-0; 0-0-2, 0-1-1, 0-2-0
  - b) head-to-head
  - c) Run differential
  - d) Fewest runs allowed

### **Pool Play:**

- Pools will be selected by randomly distributing participating cities' teams across all pools in the Division. All attempts will be made to keep teams from the same city from being placed in the same pool.



### **Approved Bats Rule:**

- All USA/ASA Softball approved bats will be allowed for play in all divisions. Please have your team's bats available for inspection prior to the start of your game.
- **Any player caught using a non-approved bat or a bat that has been previously removed by an umpire will result in the player being ejected from the current game and be 'suspended' for the next game.**

### **Forfeit Rule:**

- Game time is forfeit time. If games are behind schedule, then game time will be as soon as the umpire starts the game clock. If a team is unable to field at least 9 eligible players at game time they will forfeit the game.

### **Uniform:**

- Teams are not required to have alike-colored uniforms. However, an Arabic whole number (0-99) of contrasting color, at least 6 inches high must be worn and visible on the back of all uniform shirts.
- No players on the same team may wear identical numbers (Numbers 0 and 00 or 3 and 03 are examples of identical numbers.).
- Visible jewelry (watches, bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings, lip rings, nose rings, bands and similar wristbands, etc.) should not be worn. Communication devices, keys, clips, may NOT be worn during games. Players wearing these things do so at their own risk.

### **Line-ups:**

- Teams will exchange line-ups at the beginning of each game. Line-ups need to include player's first name or initial and last name and jersey number and list substitutes for that game, even if they are late to arrive. If a player was not listed on the lineup as a substitute at the beginning of the game they will not be eligible to enter that game.

### **Base Stealing and Bases:**

- Base stealing is **not** allowed.
- The USA Softball double bag rule is in effect: defensive players must use the inside bag at 1st base, offensive players must use the outer bag if not continuing to second base. In the event of a wild throw to 1st, both bags are open to both players.
- Slide or avoid contact rules in effect for plays at bases.

### **Game Time Limits:**

- Round Robin: No new inning will begin after 50 minutes. No tiebreakers.
- Bracket Play: No new inning will begin after 55 minutes. USA Softball international tiebreaker.
- Championship Games: 7 innings or no new inning after 55 minutes, unless decided by run ahead rule. USA Softball international tiebreaker.

### **Tournament Divisions:**

- Calculating Open Division Team Designation: All players must have a 2024 NAGAAA rating. The ten (10) top rated players will be added together to give the team rating for all Open Division Teams.
- **C Open** Teams rated 140 or lower. No players rated over 15 allowed on a C division team.
- **D Open** Teams rated 110 or lower. No players rated over 12 allowed on a D division team.
- **E Division** Teams rated 75 or lower. No players rated over 8 allowed on an E division team.



### **Protests – Player Rating/Eligibility:**

- Protests must be raised to the game umpire prior to the last out of the game with player(s) in question. Play will resume without delay until the game is completed or time expires.
- A tournament protest card must be completed and submitted to a tourney rep along with protest fees (cash or Zelle) \$100 (filing fee) + \$25 per question within 5-minutes of raising the protest.
- If any portion of the protest is upheld, the \$25 question fee(s) will be returned to the protesting team, along with the filing fee (pro-rated, if applicable).
- The protest committee shall consist of the game umpire, tournament UIC and the tournament director or their designee.
- If the protest is upheld and the team's rating exceed the limit for the division they are playing in or if a player's rating exceeds the limit for a player for that division, the protested game will be a forfeit.
- The team can continue to play in the tourney based on these guidelines:
  - The forfeit is NOT the team's second loss in double-elimination.
  - The team's total still falls within their respective IPS division guidelines. The team total will be recalculated using the new player rating figure if the protest(s) is upheld.
  - If the protested player(s) ratings exceed the limit for a player for that division, those players can no longer participate as a player in the tournament.
- There are no rating protests in trophy games (i.e. games that determine 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place).

### **Official Scorebook:**

- The official scorebook will be that of the home team. The visiting team is, therefore, highly encouraged to keep a book as well to confirm the score with the Home Team every ½ inning.

### **Sportsmanship:**

- Any player ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct will not be eligible for their next game. Any excessive unsportsmanlike conduct could result in a player being eliminated from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament field representative(s), UIC or tournament director.

### **Ejected Players:**

- Any player ejected from a game is ineligible to play in their team's next game at the discretion of the umpire. The UIC & field representative will be notified as well as the Tournament Director to determine if further action is required.

### **Specific Field Rules:**

- Umpires will address all rules for each field at the time the line-ups are exchanged.

### **Alcohol Consumption:**

- Alcohol consumption in the dugouts will be pursuant to Big League Dreams policies. Any player found to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance that could cause the person to be at risk to themselves and others will be removed from the park and could result in further suspension from the tournament.
- Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted to be consumed in the parking lot area at any time.
- <https://cathedralcity.bigleaguedreams.com/park-policy/>

### **Smoking:**

- Smoking at Big League Dreams, Cathedral City is allowed outside the complex.



**Audible Music:**

- Audible music players/speakers are not allowed to be played inside the park.
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**Special Situations:**

- The Tournament Director will resolve and have the final say on any situation that may emerge during the tournament that is not covered by these or USA Softball rules.