



Rules Cheat Sheet for Umpires – Coaches

USA Softball rules apply, except as modified herein.

1. A team must have 9 players to start a game. The 10th position will be considered an "OUT" until another player arrives to fill that spot. 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. Teams can bat up to 12 players.

2. Game Time limits: Pool play = no new after 50 min / Elimination (incl Champ) = no new after 55 min

3. Home Team Rule: Pool play = coin toss / Elimination = higher seeded team; coin toss if both teams are same seed number. Championship-- Undefeated team will be home team. "IF" game = coin toss will determine home/visiting team

4. Count: 1-1(1-ball, 1-strike), no foul to give

5. Home Run Rule: C division = 1, D & E divisions = 0

All homeruns over team's respective division limit = INNING ENDING OUT

(Des Moines field - home run to left field must go OVER the netting to be a home run)

6. Courtesy Runners: 1 per inning, can be ANY player on lineup card (including rostered bench players). You can not substitute a player in the place of a courtesy runner if that courtesy's turn comes to bat.

Any players with approved Player Inclusion Policy (PIP) status must be noted on the line-up card. Runner for PIP must be the last out. Runner for a PIP player does not count towards the limit of one courtesy runner per inning.

7. Run Ahead Rule: 20/15/10 runs after 3/4/5 innings

8. Ties: ties stand in Pool Play. International tie breaker in effect for elimination games.

9. Seeding for Double Elimination: Seeds will be determined by record, head-to-head, run differential and runs allowed, in that order. Those seeds will be placed in a predetermined slot on the elimination brackets.

10. Bats: Only USA Softball approved bats will be allowed for use. Any illegal bat discovered during game will be confiscated and returned at the end of the game and recorded on the line-up sheet. If the same team is found to be using the bat in subsequent games, the team shall forfeit that game. All play occurred while in use of illegal bat will follow USA Rules.

11. Big League Dreams: Audible music players/speakers are not allowed in the park. Smoking/vaping is not allowed in the park.