



Tournament Procedures, Rules, and Field Information

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Tournament Director

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9th Annual Keilani Ricketts Classic 2024

Tournament Procedures

1. We will be operating as a 4 game guarantee for all teams. Saturday will consist of pool play of 3 games. Sunday will be single elimination bracket play.
2. Bracket seeding will be determined by won/loss record. The first tie breaker will be head-to-head, then total runs allowed, then total runs scored and lastly by coin toss.
3. During pool play the home team will be determined by coin toss prior to each game at the umpires plate meeting. The home team will be responsible for keeping the official scorebook. During bracket play, the higher seed will be the home team.
4. The team listed first on the schedule (or on top for Sunday bracket play) will take the 3rd base dugout, unless already occupied by a team playing back-to-back games. Both teams are encouraged to keep a scorebook, but the home team will be the official book for umpire reference and will text the final score to the Tournament Director at 408-504-6914.
5. No protests will be allowed. The umpire's decision on the field is final.
6. Managers will be responsible for the conduct of their respective teams and fans. Any player, coach or fan that portrays unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field, or causes any incident or action unfavorable to the Tournament, may be removed from the grounds.
7. Umpires (during games) and/or tournament officials have the responsibility of ejecting coaches, players or spectators for abusive language or other acts that are contrary to the objectives of USA Softball.
 - a. A warning for the first offense MAY be issued at the umpires discretion.
 - b. The second offense by coaches or players will result in ejection of the responsible individual(s) from the game.
 - c. Third and subsequent, offenses by spectators will result in ejection of the (1) head coach, (2) coaching staff, and (3) players.
8. A copy of each team's Roster and Proof of Liability Insurance must be on file with the Tournament Director. It is your responsibility to contact the tournament director prior to your first game.
9. The tournament director or appointed assistant will resolve any situations not covered in these procedures and rules .
10. No alcoholic beverages, Smoking, Vaping, Tobacco Products, or BBQ's are allowed at any playing sites.
11. Pets are not allowed at Hayes Elementary School. Pets must be on a leash at all times at Vista and Ramac Parks.

12. Concessions and Tournament T-Shirts sales will be available at Vista Park and Hayes Elementary only. Payment accepted through Venmo, Zelle, or cash.

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USA Softball Rules & Modifications

1. All games will be governed by the 2024 USA Softball Official Rule Book except where modified within these rules. This tournament is geared toward the recreation level player and so the divisions are determined by players age as of 1/1/24.
2. Teams not present at game time will forfeit the game. No grace period will be allowed. Teams should arrive at the field at least 30 minutes before game time. A game can start up to 20 minutes early. Time limits could change in case of tournament interruptions.
3. Team warm-up in foul territory is allowed prior to the game, in the absence of the field prep crew. You may utilize grass areas in foul territory or beyond the cones.
4. Teams have the option to bat everyone on Saturday and Sunday. Otherwise, single elimination games on Sunday will be straight USA rules.
5. Game time limits:
 - a. Pool games and Sunday bracket games with the exception of Championship games will have a **70 minute time limit**. No new inning can start after the 70 minute mark. Innings started prior to the 70 minute mark will be completed.
 - b. Final Championship games have a 80 minute time limit or 6 innings. No new inning can start after the 80 minute mark. Innings started prior to the 80 minute mark will be completed.
6. The first 3 innings will have a 4-run limit, with the trailing team allowed to go up by 4 in each inning. There will be no run limit beginning with the 4th inning.
7. Mercy Rule, the game will be called if a team has a 12 run lead after 3 completed innings, 10 run lead after 4 completed innings or 8 run lead after 5 completed innings.
8. Courtesy runners allowed for pitchers and/or catchers. Runner must be the player least likely to come to bat that inning (Bottom of the batting order at the start of the inning).
9. Balls hit over the outfield cones on the fly count as home runs. Balls hit through the cones on the ground remain in play and batter/runners advance at risk of being out.
10. Pool play games can end in a tie. International tiebreaker rules will be followed in championship bracket games (the last out of the previous inning will start at 2nd base).

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8u Division Tournament Rules Modifications

1. Pitching:

- a. No walks are allowed, after 4 balls, coach pitch.
- b. The batting team will supply a coach pitcher.
- c. The coach pitcher must be in contact with the pitching plate when the pitching motion is started and when the pitch is delivered.
- d. When a coach pitcher is pitching, the player pitcher must have at least one foot within the pitcher's circle when the pitch is released.
- e. Strike count remains.
- f. Coach continues to pitch to batter until:
 - i. Ball is hit fair
 - ii. Batter strikes out swinging
 - 1. No called strikes are allowed
 - iii. Coach throws a total of three pitches
 - 1. After two pitches, foul balls allow an extra pitch and are unlimited
- g. If a coach pitcher is accidentally struck by a batted ball (either when pitching or when acting as the umpire), the ball is immediately ruled dead and the pitch is treated as "no pitch". The batter returns to the batter's box and the count remains the same.
- h. Upon the 3rd batter being hit in a single inning by one pitcher, that pitcher will be removed from the mound immediately for the duration of the inning.
 - i. Hit by pitch results in coach pitch.

2. Batting:

- a. Bunting is not allowed on coach pitch.
- b. Slashing is not allowed (show bunt, pull back, and hit away).
- c. No dropped 3rd strike

3. Fielding:

- a. No infield fly rule.
- b. Up to 4 outfielders may be used, they must start 10 feet behind the baseline
- c. Play stops when a ball, hit to the outfield, gets in the control of the pitcher, who is in the infield

4. Base Running:

- a. Stealing is not allowed in any situation
- b. **Overthrows:**
 - i. When a batted ball is fielded in the infield and thrown to attempt any force out, the play is immediately dead on an overthrow and batters may only advance to the base they were attempting to reach.
 - ii. On all other plays at bases, an overthrow allows up to one additional base advancement, at the risk of the runner.

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10u Division Tournament Rules Modifications

1. Pitching:

- a. Two walks allowed per half-inning
 - i. Subsequent batters - after 4 balls, coach pitch
 - ii. Hit By Pitch does not count toward the two walk limit
- b. The batting team will supply a coach pitcher.
- c. The coach pitcher must be in contact with the pitching plate when the pitching motion is started and when the pitch is delivered.
- d. When a coach pitcher is pitching, the player pitcher must have at least one foot within the pitcher's circle when the pitch is released.
- e. Strike count remains.
- f. Coach continues to pitch to batter until:
 - i. Ball is hit fair
 - ii. Batter strikes out swinging
 1. No called strikes are allowed
 - iii. Coach throws a total of three pitches
 1. After two pitches, foul balls allow an extra pitch and are unlimited
- g. If a coach pitcher is accidentally struck by a batted ball (either when pitching or when acting as the umpire), the ball is immediately ruled dead and the pitch is treated as "no pitch". The batter returns to the batter's box and the count remains the same.
- h. Upon the 2nd batter being hit in a single inning by one pitcher, that pitcher will be removed from the mound immediately for the duration of the inning.
 - i. Hit by pitch gives batter two options:
 1. Coach pitch
 2. Awarded first base

2. Batting:

- a. Bunting is not allowed on coach pitch.
- b. Slashing is not allowed (show bunt, pull back, and hit away).
- c. No dropped 3rd strike

3. Base Running:

- a. Runners may steal one base per pitch. No advancement on an errant throw. No stealing home.
- b. **Overthrows:** On all plays at bases, an overthrow allows up to one additional base advancement, at the risk of the runner.

4. Fielding:

- a. No infield fly rule.
- b. Up to 4 outfielders may be used, they must start 10 feet behind the baseline

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Fields

Vista Park

473 Hyde Park Dr.

San Jose, CA 95136

- Parking available in small lot near Field 1 and the surrounding neighborhood. Please do not block driveways.
- Field 1 (nearest the playground)
- Field 2 (along New Compton Dr)
- Concessions available onsite
- Pets must be on a leash at all times
- Full bathrooms onsite

Hayes Elementary School

5035 Poston Dr.

San Jose, CA 95136

- Parking on the street in the surrounding neighborhood. Please do not block driveways.
- Bray Field (Field 2) is nearest the snack shack
- Barone Field (Field 1) is nearest Poston Dr.
- Concessions available onsite
- No pets allowed on school premises
- Porta potty and hand washing station onsite

Ramac Park

5506 Lexington Ave.

San Jose, CA 95123

- Parking available in lot near 5544 Lexington entrance
- No concessions available
- Pets must be on a leash at all times
- Full bathrooms onsite
- Evening games played under lights

