



2025 U10 Tournament Rules

General Rules

1. 2025 USA Softball rules shall apply, except as modified below.
2. All teams must submit a copy of your team insurance and waiver/roster. Please submit prior to the first game at the check-in table or electronically to starsfastpitchboard@gmail.com
3. Games are scheduled at 90 minute increments. If the prior game ends early, and teams are ready, games may start early. Teams should be ready to play 20 minutes prior to any scheduled game time (except the 1st game of each day which will not start earlier than scheduled).
4. 4 Game Guarantee (4GG) weather permitting.
 - a. Pool play will consist of 3 games, followed by single elimination bracket play.
 - a. Bracket play will be Gold and Silver brackets. The Gold bracket will be the top two teams from each pool and the Silver bracket will be the lowest 2 teams from each pool.
 - b. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director may revise the tournament format, including shortening game times and/or eliminating games.
 - a. All scheduling will be managed via SportsEngine. Updates that need to be communicated quickly will be done via group text to the Head Coaches; please ensure we have your Head Coach's phone number.
5. Forfeited games will be scored 7-0. A forfeited game or bye counts towards the 4GG.
6. Prior to the start of the game, the umpire will determine and clarify ground rules
7. Pitching-- 35ft
8. Tournament Officials can make a judgment in the case of a documentation error in rules.
9. Any player warming up (catching) a pitcher on, or in the vicinity of a playing field, must wear a helmet/or mask.

Facility Guide

1. Batting cages may be used at both the JV and Varsity fields for teams warming up - please be courteous to other teams
2. Bullpens are closed except for team use during games
3. Warm-up area will be the area north of the Varsity field
4. Permanent restrooms are available by the concessions stand



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5. Concessions will be available all weekend
6. If the school is open, no cleats inside

Rules of Conduct

1. **Umpires judgment calls may not be appealed.** Interpretation of rules by umpires may be appealed by the team's head coach only during games. Speaking to umpires in a calm tone will only enhance the possibility of resolving a dispute. ***The Umpire's decisions are final, no protests to tournament officials.***
2. **Good sportsmanship is required.** Spectators, players, coaches and managers will refrain from any unsportsmanlike conduct during games – inclusive of negative cheering or noises intended to distract a batter or pitcher.
 - a. The judgment of conduct will be left to the discretion of the Umpire(s) assigned to the game and/or the Tournament Director. When, in the judgment of the umpire(s) and/or Tournament Director, a coach, manager, player or spectator should be ejected from a game or stands, the ejected person must leave the area of the field within 1 minute of time of ejection or the game will be forfeited.
 - b. Any player, coach, parent or spectator ejected during any game is ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
 - c. Positive cheering is encouraged during game play.

2025 Reach for the Stars Tournament Rules

1. Our goal is for the girls to learn the game as much as possible at this level. The following game rules will remain in effect: stealing bases, drop 3rd strike and infield fly. See the following exception:
 - a. Show Bunt Pull Back & Swing - Not allowed
 - i. 1st offense - any batter, dead ball, runners return to their base and strike on the batter, bench warning
 - ii. Subsequent offenses - any batter, dead ball, runners return to their base, batter is out
2. Runs Ahead Rule: The run rule is 5 runs per inning, unless a team is trailing. In that case, the trailing team can score up until they are 5 runs ahead. Teams always have a chance to take the lead in any half-inning.
 - a. Example: Top of the 1st inning (no score): Visiting team can score up to 5 runs -- they score 2 runs. The home team can then score 7 runs in the bottom half of the inning (ending the inning up by 5 runs).
 - b. If the home team does not score in that inning, the visiting team can then score up to 5 runs in the top of the second.



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- c. Continuous batting order is required for U10, free defensive substitutions.

Pool Games

1. For pool play, the home team will be decided by a coin toss. The team traveling the farthest from BCHS will call the toss.
2. Time limit is 75 minutes, no new inning, finish the inning. The start time of the game will be when the pitcher has thrown her first warm-up pitch. The next inning officially begins on the last out of the previous inning.
3. Batting Order/Substitutions: Continuous batting order is required for pool play. All non-injured players on the roster who are present must bat. Teams may substitute freely.
4. Pool games can end in a tie.
5. Run Ahead Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
6. Coaches are encouraged to use courtesy runners at any time for the pitcher and/or catcher to keep the game moving. The courtesy runner will be the last player to be put out.
7. Please move in and out of the dugouts as quickly as possible. Please make sure all garbage, water bottles, etc., is cleaned up prior to the next team coming into the dugout.

Bracket Games

1. Bracket seeding from pool play will use the following tie breakers: 1. Record, 2. Head to Head, 3. Runs Allowed, 4. Runs Differential, 5. Runs Scored, 6. Coin Flip
2. Time limit is 75 minutes no new inning, finish the inning. The start of the game will be when the pitcher has thrown her first warm-up pitch. The next inning officially begins on the last out of the previous inning.
3. The higher seeded team will be the home team - if two equal seeds are playing, the home team is determined by coin toss.

Championship game for Gold and Silver will be without a time limit -- 6 innings, Limit 5 runs per inning still applies

1. Bracket games that are tied after the time limit or innings, will go to the USA Tie Breaker (last out from the previous inning starts on 2nd base).
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3. Run Ahead Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
4. In the event of inclement weather cancelling bracket play, the tournament winners will be declared by:
 - a. 1. W-L record (percentage), 2. Head to Head, 3. Runs Allowed, 4. Run Differential, 5. Runs Scored