

# TULSA GIRLS SOFTBALL FEDERATION

## 14-Under Machine Pitch

1. This is a NO PROTEST TOURNAMENT. All umpire decisions are FINAL. If rule interpretation is questioned, then the chief umpire of the tournament may be called to assist the decision.
2. FORMAT: Determined at each individual tournament, see listings. Tournament director reserves the right to alter tournament in any way due to the weather or unforeseen delays.
3. Teams must show proof of ASA registration and insurance. Individual registration cards and roster must be shown at check-in. Cards must match roster. A VTD roster will be accepted in place of cards. BIRTH CERTIFICATES may be asked for if a player's eligibility is questioned. Tournament director's decision will be final for determining eligibility.
4. A regulation game will be considered completed after seven (7) innings are completed or the time has expired. Should weather, darkness, or unsafe playing conditions limit a game, the game shall be declared a complete game if at least 40 minutes of the time limit has expired.
5. GAMES will be one hour fifteen minutes (1:15). Inning being played when time expires will be completed. A new inning is considered started when the final out of the previous inning is made.
6. Pitching machine will be set at a speed determined by the coaches prior to the tournament and will remain at that speed for the entire tournament. The machine may be adjusted for height or horizontal accuracy at the beginning of each half inning.
7. Batter will receive five pitches. If fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) ball is fouled, batter will continue to bat until ball is hit fair or until the batter strikes and misses.
8. NO WALKS, NO DROPPED THIRD STRIKE, STEALING ALLOWED. Must wait until ball leaves pitching machine to leave base.
9. Pitcher will position herself OUTSIDE the pitching circle. Player must stay OUT of the pitching circle at all times. Any ball fielded in the circle, or any ball hitting the machine will be considered a dead ball and will be replayed.
10. In bracket games, the international tiebreaker rule shall be used after seven (7) innings or if time has elapsed and the score remains tied. Pool games will remain tied. EXCEPTION: In a 4 team pool, a winner must be determined, so international tiebreaker will apply.
11. Teams are allowed three (3) pick up players. Players must be Rec. players.
12. Run limit: 6 runs per half inning.
13. Run rule limits are: 15 after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
14. Teams listed on the LEFT OF POOL and ON THE TOP of the bracket shall occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> BASE DUGOUT, unless already occupied by team from previous game.
15. Home team will be determined by the toss of a coin. Home team scorebook shall be the official book.
16. Scheduled game time is forfeit time unless the game is delayed by a late running game. It is the responsibility of the coach to know game times. A team representative is responsible for maintaining contact with tournament officials in case of scheduling revisions. **TGSF rainout #481-4467.**
17. No infield warm-ups shall be allowed inside the playing field base paths. No hitting the ball off the field fence for batting warm-ups.
18. Coaches shall give lineup to the umpires prior to start of game. Copy shall be given to the opposing team. Any changes to batting lineup shall be reported through the umpire. **(REC. TOURN. ONLY -Batting order shall consist of all players present -defense shall field 9 players.)**
19. Determination of Double Elimination Round will depend on standings in pool play. The team with the best record in each pool will be seeded #1, #2, etc. (EXCEPTION: In a four team pool, the winners of the first pool games will play for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool and the losers of the first pool games will play for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> in their pool.)  
  
EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. If two or more teams in the same "pool" have equal records, then the team with the least number of runs allowed will be seeded higher.
  - b. If two or more teams in the same "pool" still have equal records, then the team with the greatest run differential will be seeded higher.
  - c. If two or more teams in the same "pool" still have equal records, then a coin toss will determine the seeding of the bracket.
20. Any team personnel or fan that displays unsportsmanlike conduct will subject themselves and/or the team to suspension from the game and/or tournament. No foul language or unruly behavior will be allowed. Team managers must have full control of their players and coaching staff both on and off the field. Team managers are responsible for the actions of team followers at the tournament.
21. No smoking or tobacco in the dugouts or on the playing field. Designated smoking areas are available. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. NO GLASS CONTAINERS allowed in the park. No noisemakers of any type will be allowed.
22. TULSA GIRLS SOFTBALL FEDERATION, its officers or any representatives will not be responsible for any injuries, accidents, etc. to players, managers, coaches or fans while participating in this tournament.
23. All other rules will be ASA fast pitch rules.