

KAA - USA Softball Tournament Rules

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The tournament will be played under USA Softball modified rules. Bat roster and free substitution.

Schedules and results will be posted on www.tournamentASA.com *but the brackets on-site will be the most current and will serve as the master schedule once the tournament starts.*

Absolutely NO outside Food or Drinks - NO Smoking

Kirkwood Athletic Association Strictly Prohibits alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, or food to be brought into the ballpark. NO COOLERS EXCEPT WATER FOR PLAYERS. Please inform your players and parents. Ejections and/or Forfeits WILL happen. Head Coach is ultimately responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, spectators.

Any weather issues/rainout info will be recorded on our **KAA Rainout Hotline 314-822-7385** and will also be provided via text to the cell phone numbers that the coaches provided on the registration form and be posted on the tournament site on www.tournamentASA.com.

The tournament directors reserve the right to change the tournament format, time limits, or other aspects so that the tournament may be completed. Teams will be refunded money according to the refund schedule for any games lost due to format changes, as per KAA Rainout Guidelines which are posted at www.kwdaa.com

TOURNAMENT RULES:

USA Softball rules- Playing rules will be modified USA Softball rules: Teams will have the option to bat roster (8 or more) and have free substitution. You can have courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher only. This runner will be the player who made the last out. If a player is injured you may use a courtesy runner, again this runner must be the player who made the last out. The injured player CANNOT return to the game and their at bat in the lineup WILL NOT be an out.

If you choose to bat 9 you will play by USA Softball rules and must use subs as runners or report them each time as a courtesy runner and follow the USA Softball CR Rule. All substitutions will be as outlined in the USA Softball rule book.

Home Team - For Pool Play, home team is determined via Coin Flip. For Bracket Play, higher seed has choice. If teams are same seed, then home team is determined via coin flip.

Game times – There is NO grace period for game times. Teams must be ready to begin play at 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. Teams need to be ready to play at the conclusion of the game preceding.

Time Limits – For pool play, elimination rounds, and Championship games, the time limit is 75 minutes and you will finish the inning. Game times for all games start at the conclusion of the ground rules conference at home plate. A new inning starts when the last out was made the previous inning.

Pool Play – Games may end in a tie. After pool play, each team will be seeded in their respective age bracket. If two or more teams have identical won/loss records, the following tie-breakers will apply:

1. Head-to-Head game results. (not used on 3-way tie)
2. Least amount of runs allowed by each team tied during all pool play games.
3. Most amount of runs scored by each team tied during all pool play games. (max 10 runs per game)
4. Toss of a coin among tied teams following pool play.

Elimination Games – A winner must be determined. If the score is tied after seven innings or after 75 minutes has expired and the inning is completed, the next inning will begin with international tie breaker rules in accordance with USA Softball rules.

Rosters/Insurance – **All teams MUST turn in a signed KAA Roster/Waiver form at tourney check-in table, at least 30 minutes prior to your first pool game. Players may only play on 1 team for the duration of tournament.**

Run Rule Limits – 15 runs ahead after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings, will be in affect in all games including the Championship game.

Protests – There are No protests. If requested, umpires on field will call KAA-UIC. KAA-UIC ruling is final.

Batting Helmets – All Batting Helmets Must be equipped with an approved Face Mask and Chin Straps are HIGHLY recommended.

Team Awards – First and Second place teams in each age division will receive individual awards.

No Pets, skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, etc allowed inside our fenced KAA property.