



MOORPARK GIRLS SOFTBALL

Hey Teams,

Get ready to rock the first ALLSTAR Tournament of 2024 at the Moorpark Tune Up Tournament hosted by Moorpark Girls Softball! We're stoked to have you all on board for this epic event and can't wait to see you on our fields. We know some of you have journeyed far to join us, so if there's anything we can do to pump up the excitement and make your time here even better, just give us a shout!

Inside this welcome packet, you'll find everything you need to gear up for the tournament. Dive into it before hitting the fields to make sure you're all set. Check out the tournament schedule posted on our league site under the "Schedule" tab at [SCHEDULES](#). Friday and Saturday are the days for two "pool play" games, setting the stage for Sunday's single-elimination showdown. Keep an eye out for any last-minute updates! As a reminder, 12U first elimination game will take place Saturday Night.

Thanks a million for jumping into the action with us! Get ready for a blast at the tournament – we're counting down the days!

Cheers,

Kim Casten & Karen Esaki

All Star Director & Tournament Director

Check-in Procedure

ATTENTION TEAM CAPTAINS!

Get ready to make a grand entrance! Your team needs to check in at least one hour before your first game time. ALL CHECK-IN's are done at the Arroyo Vista Field location. 4550 Tierra Rejada, Moorpark, CA 93021 Don't forget to bring along the following goodies when you check in:

1. **Team Roster:** Make sure it's filled out with all the vital details, including names, numbers, and birthdates of all players, plus contact info for the manager and coaches. (Psst, there's a blank copy included in your packet!)
2. **Player Credentials:** Each player needs photo ID card, a copy of their Birth Certificate, or their USA Softball Spring Registration Card (non-photo version). You also can bring Championship Roster
3. **Proof of Insurance:** Have a copy handy for our records (unless you're using USA Softball photo ID cards).
- 4: All coaches must bring their official USA Softball card from the Registrar System. See sample below. This is required and the best way to check in. If you do not have this card for any reason, you will need to bring a copy of you Safesport Certificate along with the Background check card you received in the mail. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
4. **Spirit Awards:** You're in charge of spreading the love! You'll get two "Spirit Awards", MVP Player Rings. These are to be given to deserving players on the opposing team after your two pool play games.

So, gather up your paperwork and get ready to kick off the fun – we can't wait to see you all in action!

Game on,

Denise Nalbandian

League Admin

2024 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The 2024 USA Fastpitch softball rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated herein.
2. Game balls will be provided for each game played. You must use balls provided. NO EXCEPTIONS
3. Each team must present its team roster (roster forms may be found on the website) at least one hour prior to the start of their first game. Birth certificates or other legal documents will be required for each player unless the team has individual USA player cards. **Teams must check in at the Arroyo Vista Park Snack Bar area.** Sportsmanship Awards: Each team will be given 2 MVP Rings!!! These are for pool play games only. "Choose one player on the opposing team that displays good sportsmanship as defined below and give her the award after the game. What to look for: 1) Hustle 2) Supporting teammates 3) Responding positively to adversity 4) Good sportsmanship not just talent.
4. No more than 4 adults will be allowed in the dugout during the game. (This will be enforced)
5. Rosters cannot exceed 15 players. No player may be added after the start of the 1st game. Players may only be on a roster for one team.
6. Pitching distance: 8U-30', 10U-35', 12U-40'
7. Bases will be set at 60' for 8U, 10U, and 12U
8. Home team during pool play will be determined by a coin toss at home plate.
9. Home team will be responsible for providing an official scorekeeper. Lineup sheets must be handed to the official scorekeeper prior to game time. **Home Team Scorekeeper must complete game card and provide their phone number.**
10. The team that is listed as Home team on the schedule will occupy the third base dugout. The only exception will be back-to-back games on the same field; teams will not be required to change dugouts.
11. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. Exceptions will be made for teams playing back-to-back games on different fields or locations.
12. No infield practice is allowed. Designated warm-up areas will be provided at each field for the exclusive use of the teams playing in the next game at that field.
13. To accommodate the tight game schedule and to allow time to prep the fields, there will be no post game celebrations on the infield between games. This includes circle cheers. Please take circle cheers to center field.

14. POOL PLAY GAMES:

- 6U 1 hour 10 minutes finish the batter or 5 innings completed prior to time expiration. If Home team is behind at the expiration of time and the inning was not completed then score reverts back to the last full inning. Games may end in a tie.

- For all 8U – 12u Divisions, one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes no new inning will be started. One (1) hour and twenty five (25) minutes Modified Drop Dead. Pool Play games may end in a tie.

- a. If the visiting team is up to bat at the time game is called, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
- b. If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called (and 3 outs have not been recorded) and they are losing the game, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
- c. If the home team is up to bat at the time game is called (and 3 outs have not been recorded) and the home team has tied the game in that half inning, the score shall stand and will not revert back.
- d. If the home team is up to bat at the time the game is called and the visiting team has tied the game in the previous half inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.
- e. If the home team is up to bat and is leading, the score shall stand and will not revert back.

15. Elimination and Semi-Final games

- 6U one (1) hour and ten (10) minute time limit after which no new inning may start. Games cannot end in a tie. In elimination and semi-final games, International Tie Breakers (ITB) rules go into effect in the top of the first inning after time expires.

- 8U one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minute time limit after which no new inning may start. Games cannot end in a tie. In elimination and semi-final games, International Tie Breakers (ITB) rules go into effect in the top of the first inning after time expires.

- Championship games 10U-12U will be one hour (1) and hour twenty (20) minutes after which no new inning may start. If at the conclusion of 7 innings the game is tied then the international tie breaker will go into effect. Championship 8U will be one (1) hour and twenty (20) minute time limit after which no new inning may start. If at the conclusion of 6 innings the game is tied then the international tie breaker will go into effect.

- **FOR AGES 8U TO 12U:** USA Mercy Rule is in effect: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.

16. This is a pool play tournament. Tie Breaker will be determined using the following criteria for entry into elimination rounds:

- a. Winning Percentage
- b. Head-To-Head
- c. Total Runs Against
- d. Total Runs For
- e. Average Runs Differential
- f. Coin Toss

17. Wins will be counted as 1 point, ties will be counted as ½ point and losses 0 points

18. Home plate umpire and the UIC will finalize all protests on the field at the time of the protest

19. Teams are responsible for their conduct, as well as the conduct of their fans, on and off the field during the tournament. Improper conduct during the games, on the park premises, or at local facilities may result in disqualification from the tournament.

20. Any manager, coach, parent or player asked to leave the game shall do so immediately. They shall not be allowed on the playing field, dugout area, stands or general vicinity of the game for the remainder of the game. Upon a second ejection, the ejected person may not participate in the remainder of the tournament.

8U RULES

- Six inning games, 4 runs per inning. Dropped third strike and infield fly rule are not in effect.
- No stealing home.
- Home Plate is frozen. Runners can only score on a hit ball, or if a runner is forced home on a walk or hit batter
- Stealing bases is limited to one base per pitch
- Runners cannot advance past first base on a walk until the next pitch
- Pitching: called balls and strikes, **NO COACH PITCH**
- Defense will consist of 10 players. 10th player will be an outfield position. Outfielders must start a minimum of 15 feet behind the field line. No more than 6 players can be positioned in the infield prior to the pitch.

- Teams must bat the entire lineup throughout the entire tournament.
- Courtesy runners (last recorded out) will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher only.

10U AND 12U RULES

- Seven inning games, 5 runs per inning during pool play and 6 runs per inning during elimination and championship games for the innings 1-4; Innings 5 & 6 are open. Dropped third strike and infield fly are in effect.

- Teams are required to bat round robin during pool play. For Elimination and Championship game, teams may bat nine. Teams batting only nine may utilize the DP/Flex.

- Pitching distances: 10U is 35'; 12U is 40'.

- Bases will be 60'

- Courtesy runners (last recorded out) will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher only.

General Rules

- Due to City regulations, no parking of motorhomes or buses in the Parks parking lot. They may be parked along the road next to the fields.

- No BBQ's allowed at any field.

- No drugs or alcohol will be allowed

- Anything not covered under these rules will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director or his/her designee

Tie Breakers

1. Winning Percentage
2. Head-To-Head
3. Total Runs Against
4. Total Runs For
5. Average Runs Differential
6. Coin Toss

RAINOUT POLICY:

No games played-100% refund

1 game played – 50% refund

2 games played – No refund

6U Division Special Rules:

Game Length

I. Pool Play games will be stopped after **1:10 or at the end of the 5th inning whichever comes first.** A batter in the box when time expires will be allowed to finish their at bat. If after the time expires and the home team did not receive 3 recorded outs (unable to finish the full inning) and are behind in runs then score reverts back to the last full inning played. Game may end in a tie.

II. Games to determine place of finish will not start a new inning after 1 hour and 10 minutes or 5 complete innings, whichever comes first. International Tie Breaker rules will be used thereafter until a winner is determined.

b. General Rules

I. **Three (3) runs maximum per inning, Three (3) runs or Three (3) recorded outs ends the Half inning.**

II. The home team will be responsible for providing an official scorekeeper. In addition to the score, the scorekeeper shall report the **total number of outs each team makes** on the scorecard, at the end of each pool play game.

III. Coach pitching distance is 30 feet from home plate. A chalk circle will be drawn around the center of the pitching area and will be called the "pitcher's circle."

IV. After a ball is put in play, the coach pitcher **MUST** get out of the way of defensive team players who are attempting to field the ball.

V. Violations of rule 4 above will result in a dead ball out and all runners will be returned to the last base occupied at the start of the play.

c. Offensive Rules

I. Round robin batting order must be used in the 6U division. Every player must bat.

II. Each batter receives 3 pitches (or fourth if foul ball, etc.) from a coach and then: **Two swings (in pool play) or One swing (in elimination play) off the tee to put a ball in play.**

III. When using the tee the batters may only advance 1 base.

IV. There will be a 15-foot arc in front of home plate extending from the first base line to third base line. A batted ball coming to rest inside the arc line is considered a foul ball.

V. Base runners cannot leave their base until after the ball is hit and can only advance to home on a ball put in play.

VI. For any ball hit in play, play will be stopped and dead ball called when the ball lands or is caught in the pitcher's circle. The definition of "Lands in" is when the ball crosses the pitching circle line (from any direction), regardless of where it ends up. If the base runner(s) have already passed the halfway line at the time the ball enters the pitcher's circle they will advance to that base(s), otherwise they will return to their last base reached safely. Once a ball is declared "dead", it cannot be made "alive" again.

VII. The Umpire will determine if an overthrown ball has gone out of play at which point if a runner has already passed the halfway line to the next base, then they can advance to that base.

d. Defensive Rules

I. No more than 10 defensive position players will be allowed on the field at one time.

II. With 10 players on the field there will be 4 outfielders.

III. All outfielders must be standing in the **outfield at least 10 feet behind the base line at the beginning of each play.**

IV. Two coaches are allowed in the outfield when their team takes the field.

e. Tiebreaker System

I. In the 6U division, the tournament will follow the tiebreaker system, in order, as listed below:

1. Win-Loss Record in Pool Play
2. Head-to-Head Competition in Pool Play
3. Fewest Runs Allowed in Pool Play games by Tied Teams
4. Most Outs Recorded between Tied Teams
5. Coin Toss

II. If, in the event of a 3-way tie, the 3-way tie is broken either before step #4 or upon completion of step #4 and a 2-way tie still remains, the two remaining tied teams will revert back to step #2 and repeat the tie-breaker criteria from that point in order to break the tie.

Moorpark All-Star Tune Up Tournament

****USA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!**

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Team Name:	
Division:	
Team Manager Name and USA Softball Member ID:	
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Email:	

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