



PACIFIC COAST REGION 10
2017 8U TOURNAMENT RULES

The current USA Official Rules of Softball and these special rules shall be enforced at the Nor Cal Championships.

1. **Pitching distance:** 30 feet.
2. **Base Distance:** 55 feet between bases will be used when available. 60 feet is acceptable.
3. **Softballs:** 10 inch.
4. **Innings and Time Limit:** 6 innings or one hour, 20 minutes, whichever occurs first.
 - A. The Winners and Losers Bracket Finals shall have a time limit of one hour, 30 minutes.
 - B. No new inning shall start after the time limit has expired unless the score is tied.
5. **Five Runs** per inning will be in effect through the first three (3) innings.
 - A. The half inning will be declared over when the offensive team scores five (5) runs.
 - B. Additional runs in excess of five (5) during continuous action shall not count.
 - C. All additional innings beginning in the fourth inning will be open.
6. **Tie-Breaker** rule shall be in effect after 6 innings (in lieu of 7 innings) or the top of the next inning after the time limit (as noted above) has expired. (The offensive player due to bat last in the half inning will be placed on 2nd base.)
7. **Offense:** Bat-around SHALL be used.
 - A. All eligible players, present, shall be listed on the line-up and bat in the order presented at the plate meeting.
 - B. The Designated Player (DP) or Flex will not be used.
 - C. No courtesy runners shall be used except in case of injury while on offense, the last out may be used for the injured player. If a player cannot bat and run the bases the next time through the line-up, they will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the game for safety reasons. No out will be recorded unless the team has gone short-handed as in Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph D (Less than nine (9) players)
8. **Stealing:** One base, per pitch, per runner. Runners may only advance one base from where they were at the time of the pitch. Stealing home is not permitted.
 - A. Runners are not permitted to advance on an over-throw. Any runner attempting to advance beyond the one base they are permitted is at risk of being put out.
 - B. A runner who makes it safely to the next base beyond the base permitted, including home, will be returned to the correct base. When playing action has been completed, a dead ball will be declared and the runner returned to the proper base.
 - C. A batter who is awarded 1st base on a base on balls may not steal second on the ball four pitch. A batter-runner who attempts to advance in this situation will be returned to 1st base.
9. **Defense:** Ten players ONLY on defense. The ten players may play anywhere in fair territory except for the catcher who will be in the catcher box.
10. Unlimited defensive substitution is permitted except for the pitching position, which will be governed by USA Softball Rule Book
11. The Infield Fly or Dropped Third Strike Rules will not be used.