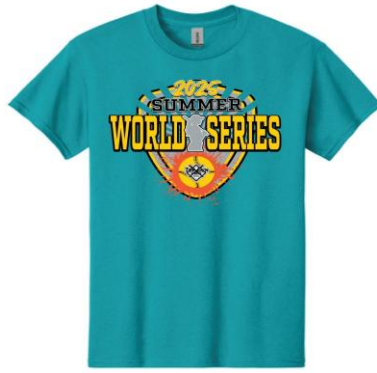




2025 TOP GUN-USA SPORTS FASTPITCH SUMMER WORLD SERIES

July 25-27, 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND COACHES MEETING

We would like to welcome you to the 2025 Summer World Series Championships and thank you for making this tournament a part of your schedule. We would like to bring to your attention a few housekeeping items that should make your time with us more enjoyable. Please familiarize yourself with Top Gun rules and in particular, tiebreaker / seeding rules, time limits and mercy rules.

COACHES: PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES DURING THIS EVENT:

XEROX COPY OF YOUR ONLINE ROSTER

XEROX COPY OF ALL BIRTH CERTIFICATES

XEROX COPY OF YOUR TEAM INSURANCE. IF USING ANOTHER BRAND OF INSURANCE OTHER THAN TOP GUN THEN TOP GUN SPORTS MUST BE LISTED AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED.

IF WE HAVE A PROTEST ON THE FIELD AND YOU ARE UNABLE TO PRODUCE THESE ITEMS, IT COULD RESULT IN A FORFEIT FOR YOUR TEAM.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS 8 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 9 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

GIRLS 10 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 11 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

GIRLS 12 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 13 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

GIRLS 14 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 15 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

GIRLS 16 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 17 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

HS DIVISION CANNOT TURN 19 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025

AGE GROUPS, BASE PATH, & PITCHING DISTANCE

GIRLS 8 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 35 FEET PITCHING PLAY 6 INNINGS

GIRLS 10 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 35 FEET PITCHING PLAY 6 INNINGS

GIRLS 12 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 40 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS

GIRLS 14 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS

GIRLS 16 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS

GIRLS 18 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS

ALL GENERAL RULES ARE LISTED ON WWW.PLAYTOPGUNSPORTS.COM

All teams will play 4 pool games to seed Single Elimination Bracket. Brackets will start Sunday morning.

THIS IS A 5 GAME EVENT AND ALL TEAMS WILL GET 5 GAMES MINIMUM WEATHER PERMITTING.

ALL POOL GAMES ARE 1 HOUR FINISH THE INNING AND CAN END IN A TIE.

ALL 8U BRACKET GAMES ARE 1 HOUR TIME LIMIT INCLUDING CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

**ALL BRACKET GAMES FOR AGES 10U-HS ARE 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT
CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE 1 HOUR 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.**

Ages: 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u & HS

ONLINE ROSTERS:

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR ROSTERS ARE UP TO DATE AND POSTED ONLINE WITH TOP GUN SPORTS FOR THIS EVENT. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BY TUESDAY JULY 4th AT 12 NOON. ALL ROSTERS SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF 1 HEAD COACH AND 1 ASSISTANT COACH AS WELL AS AT LEAST 9 PLAYERS. **IF ROSTERS ARE NOT COMPLETED ONLINE BY TUESDAY AT 12 NOON YOUR TEAM COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.** IF A COACH IS NOT LISTED ON THE ROSTER THEN HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PARK AS A COACH. HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COACH ON THE FIELD AND MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITIES IF RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

PENALTY FOR NOT HAVING PLAYERS LISTED ON THE ONLINE ROSTER:

THE PLAYER AND HEAD COACH WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME. THE PLAYER MAY REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT BUT HER SPOT IN THE LINE-UP WILL BE AN OUT EACH TIME SHE COMES UP IN THE BATTING ORDER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME (THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR HER SPOT) SHE MAY BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND IS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE NEXT GAME BUT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A PICK-UP PLAYER AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PITCH. THE HEAD COACH IS EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND MUST LEAVE THE PARK IMMEDIATELY. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME FOR HIS TEAM.

PLAYING REQUEST:

ALL TEAMS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PLAY THE SCHEDULE OR SHOULD NOT ENTER THE EVENT. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SCHEDULES WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY PLAYING REQUEST FOR THIS EVENT. GAMES WILL BEGIN EACH DAY AT EITHER 800AM OR 900AM AND ALL TEAMS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PLAY AT THESE TIMES.

GRILLS—GAS OR CHARCOAL-NOT ALLOWED

NO GRILLS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ANY BALLPARKS.

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

COACHES, PARENTS, STAFF, AND FRIEND, IN FACT ANYONE INTERESTED IN TOP GUN-USA SPORTS. ABUSIVE OR PERSONAL ATTACKS, UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMENTS THAT WE TOP GUN-USA SPORTS DEEM UNSPORTING, MATERIAL THAT IS UNLAWFUL OBSCENE, DEFAMATORY, THREATENING, HARASSING, ABUSIVE, SLANDEROUS, HATEFUL OR EMBARRASSING TO ANY OTHER ENTITY. ANY THIRD- PARTY ADVERTISING, THIRD PARTY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES, CHAIN LETTERS OR SPAM. WE BEING TOP GUN-USA SPORTS, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE INVOLVEMENT BY USERS WHO POST SUCH CONTENT FROM THE TOP GUN-USA SPORTS PROGRAM. ANY ROSTER MEMBER OF TOP GUN -USA SPORTS, BEING COACHES, AND ATHLETES MAY BE SUSPENDED FROM THE SPORTS PROGRAM. THIS ALSO INCLUDED PARENTS, GUEST, SPECTATORS, ETC. TOP GUN-USA SPORTS THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS EXPRESSED ON ANY THIRD-PARTY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES TOP GUN-USA SPORTS CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCURACY OR RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION POSTED BY EXTERNAL PARTIES.

TOP GUN-USA SPORTS

TOP GUN SOFTBALL SHALL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF TOP GUN SOFTBALL RULES, BY TOP GUN ATHLETES, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS, OR TEAMS. IF TOP GUN SOFTBALL DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, HE MAY IMPOSE PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE GENERAL RULES. PENALTIES IMPOSED BY TOP GUN-USA SPORTS SOFTBALL MAY BE APPEALED TO THE PLAY TOP GUN SPORTS BOARD OF REVIEW IN WRITING, APPOINTED BY CEO/PRESIDENT OF TOP GUN SPORTS. TOP GUN SOFTBALL MAY DELEGATE THESE DUTIES TO AN INFRACTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY HIM CEO /PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER CODE/RULES VIOLATIONS, OR THEY MAY REFER CASES DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

ZERO TOLERANCE

TOP GUN-USA SPORTS WILL HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR TOP GUN-USA SPORTS SOFTBALL AND WILL FOLLOW A “ZERO TOLERANCE” POLICY REGARDING INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR. THIS POLICY WILL ENCOMPASS ALL INTERACTIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE SOFTBALL SPORTS PROGRAM. THIS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: PRACTICES, GAMES, OPENING DAY CEREMONIES TOURNAMENTS AND ANY OTHER TOP GUN-USA SPORTS SOFTBALL SPONSORED EVENT(S). BY ENTERING A TOP GUN-USA SANCTIONED SOFTBALL EVENT YOU ARE AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THIS POLICY.

OUR SONS, DAUGHTERS, NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND GRANDCHILDREN FAR TOO OFTEN WATCH MANY OF US FORGET THE REAL REASON FOR BEING INVOLVED.

IN YOUTH SPORTS. THIS IS REASON FOR A “ZERO TOLERANCE” POLICY. WE MUST PROMOTE FAIR PLAY, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEACH OUR CHILDREN HOW TO PLAY THE GAME. WE FEEL IT IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY TO TEACH THE PLAYERS THAT THERE IS MORE TO THE GAME THAN WINNING OR LOSING AND THE FINAL SCORE. TOP GUN-USA SPORTS TAKES THIS RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY. WITH THAT SAID THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WILL REPRESENT OUR POSITION AND MORE IMPORTANTLY CONSTITUTE OUR “ZERO TOLERANCE” POLICY FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.

CONDUCT

TEAMS COACHES, PLAYERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN FOR MISCONDUCT. SANCTIONS MAY BE APPEALED TO THE PLAY TOP GUN SPORTS BOARD OF REVIEW COMMITTEE AND MAY INCLUDE FINES, SUSPENSION, FORFEITURE, PROBATION, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION. MISCONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED, SPORTSMANSHIP DETRIMENTAL TO THE PROGRAM, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, INTOXICATION, POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WEAPONS, USE OF PROFANITY, OR COMMISSION OF A CRIME DURING ANY PLAY TOP GUN SPORTS COMPETITION. SANCTIONS MAY BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PUBLICATION OF THE GENERAL TOP GUN SOFTBALL RULES.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS:

AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF ANY EVENT, TOP GUN USA SPORTS WILL HAVE AN AWARDS PRESENTATION. THE LOCATION MAY BE ON THE FIELD, OR AT AN AWARDS PRESENTATION LOCATION SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IS OVER, TEAMS SHOULD LINE-UP ON THE FOUL LINES FOR THE AWARDS PRESENTATION OR PROCEED TO THE AWARDS PRESENTATION LOCATION AS SELECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDS CEREMONIES WILL BE DEEMED “UNSPORTING” AND SUCH ACTION WILL SUBJECT THE TEAM TO PENALTIES FOR UNSPORTING ACTIONS AS SET FORTH IN THESE GENERAL RULES.

THE COACHES/ VOLUNTEER CODE OF HONOR

I PROMISE UPON MY WORD OF HONOR TO HELP TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS PLACED UPON THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF ALL ATHLETICS, RATHER THAN WINNING. I WILL LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS ASSOCIATED WITH MY TEAM.

COACHES DRESS

ALL COACHES SHALL BE DRESSED SIMILARLY. MEANING COACHES SHOULD HAVE ON SAME COLOR SHIRTS ETC. NO FLIP FLOPS AND NO TANK TOPS ALLOWED.

UNSPORTING CONDUCT DURING A TOP GUN SANCTIONED EVENT

ANY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, SPONSOR OR SPECTATOR LEAVING THEIR POSITION OR BASE, IN THE FIELD, ON THE BENCH, IN THE DUGOUT AREA OR GRANDSTANDS TO PARTICIPATE IN A FIGHT, BRAWL OR ALTERCATION SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND MAY BE DISBARRED / SUSPENDED. THIS DOES INCLUDE PRIOR TO GAME STARTING, DURING A GAME, OR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A TOP GUN SANCTIONED EVENT.

NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL RULES WILL BE USED WITH TOP GUN SOFTBALL EXCEPTIONS; NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION RULES WILL BE USED. [CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE TOP GUN EXCEPTION RULES.

NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES PITCH REGULATIONS

RULE 6, ARTICLE 1 PRIOR TO STARTING THE DELIVERY (PITCH), THE PITCHER SHALL TAKE A POSITION WITH THE PIVOT FOOT ON OR PARTIALLY ON THE TOP SURFACE OF THE PITCHER'S PLATE AND THE NON-PIVOT FOOT IN CONTACT WITH OR **BEHIND THE PITCHER PLATE**. BOTH FEET MUST BE ON THE GROUND WITHIN OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE 24-INCH LENGTH OF THE PITCHER'S PLATE. THEY ARE EXAMPLES OF THIS RULE IN THE NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE BOOK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE AS TOP GUN SOFTBALL DOES PLAY HIGH SCHOOL RULES.

DON'T GET CONFUSED WITH THIS RULE AS SOME OTHER ASSOCIATIONS PLAY COLLEGE RULES. PLEASE DON'T CONFUSE THIS RULE WITH A COLLEGE RULE AS TOP GUN SOFTBALL ELECTS NOT TO PLAY COLLEGE RULES.
TOP GUN'S GOAL IS TO PREPARE OUR ATHLETES FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

VIOLATION OF POLICES OR TOURNAMENT RULES

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ANY PARENT, COACH, TEAM MEMBER, OR FAN THAT VIOLATES THE POLICES OR RULES OF THE TOP GUN SOFTBALL EVENT MAY BE REMOVED FROM ANY AND ALL VENUES AND FUTURE SANCTIONS MAY BE PLACED ON THAT PERSON OR PERSONS.

HEAD COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

THE HEAD COACH OF A TEAM IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS ASSISTANCE COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FANS. HE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ALL RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE EXPLAINED TO EACH MEMBER ABOVE.

THE HEAD COACH IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE ALL COACHES ON THE FIELD OR IN THE DUGOUT ARE ON HIS TEAM ROSTER.

COACHES PASSES WILL ONLY BE ALLOCATED TO COACHES LISTED ON THE TEAM ROSTER.

TOP GUN-USA IS RECOMMENDING THAT ALL BASE COACHES WEAR THE SKULL PROTECTIVE HELMET WHILE COACHING ON THE BASES.

- **BAT & BALL** - USE THE NFHS RULE ON BATS.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for list of ILLEGAL BATS

ALL GHOST BATS ARE ALLOWED IN TOP GUN UNLESS LISTED ON THE ILEGAL BAT LIST.

- 8U & 10U USE 11" BALL & 12U & UP USE 12" BALL

RUNNERS FOR THE PITCHER AND CATCHER

- EACH TEAM MAY USE A RUNNER FOR THE PITCHER OR CATCHER IF SO DESIRED.
- THE RUNNER MUST BE AN ELIGIBLE SUBSTITUTE AND IF NO SUBSTITUTES ARE AVAILABLE, YOU MAY USE THE ATHLETE WHO MADE THE LAST OUT.
- IF IT IS IDENTIFIED THAT IT IS NOT AN ELIGIBLE SUBSTITUTE OR IS NOT THE CORRECT PLAYER THAT MADE THE LAST OUT THAT WAS PUT IN TO RUN, AND IS **CAUGHT WHILE THE RUNNER IS ON BASE, THE RUNNER WILL BE CALLED OUT. IF RUNNER HAS ALREADY SCORED BEFORE IT IS CAUGHT THERE IS NO PENALTY.**
- PITCHER AND CATCHER MAY NOT RUN FOR EACH OTHER

INTENTIONAL WALK

PITCHER DOES NOT HAVE TO PITCH TO THE BATTER. BATTER CAN BE PUT ON 1ST BASE BY THE COACH OF THE OPPOSING TEAM TELLING THE UMPIRE.

TEAMS MUST HAVE 8 PLAYERS TO START

A TEAM MUST BE ABLE TO FIELD AT LEAST 8 PLAYERS IN ORDER TO START OR FINISH A GAME.

- AT THE START OF THE GAME THE 9TH PLAYER MAY BE INSERTED AT ANYTIME UPON ARRIVAL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LINE UP BUT AN OUT IS TAKEN TO HOLD THEIR PLACE UNTIL ARRIVAL.
- IF DROPS BELOW 9 PLAYERS DURING GAME AN OUT MUST BE TAKEN AT BAT IN THE LINE UP. IF DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS. **(INJURY OR SICKNESS RULE DOES NOT APPLY IF TEAM DROPS BELOW 9 PLAYERS-9TH PLAYER WILL BE AN OUT REGARDLESS)**

BATTING LINE-UPS—WE DO NOT ALLOW THE FLEX PLAYER

TEAMS HAVE THE OPTION OF BATTING 9 PLAYERS UP TO THEIR ENTIRE ROSTER. THE RULE TO BAT MORE THAN 9 IS NOT MANDATORY. TEAMS MAY CHOOSE THEIR OWN WAY TO PLAY REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE OTHER TEAM DECIDES TO DO.

IF ALL ROSTERED PLAYERS BAT:

- THERE WILL BE NO SUBS.
- IF AN INJURY OR SICKNESS OCCURS, IT IS AN OUT WHEN THAT PLAYER COMES UP TO BAT. TEAMS WILL RECEIVE ONLY 1 OUT FOR THE SICK OR INJURED PLAYER IF THE PLAYER IS NOT RETURNING TO THE GAME.
- IF THE INJURED PLAYER INTENDS TO RETURN TO THE SAME GAME, THEN AN OUT IS TAKEN FOR EVERY AT BAT TO HOLD THE PLAYERS SPOT IN THE LINE UP.
- YOU MAY USE THE LAST RECORDED OUT MADE AS THE COURTESY RUNNER FOR THE

PITCHER OR CATCHER. **IF THE LAST RECORDED OUT IS THE BATTER ON DECK OR IN THE HOLE, THE NEXT TO RUN WILL BE THE LAST RECORDED OUT FURTHEST FROM THE BATTER.**

IF YOU ARE NOT BATTING THE ENTIRE LINE-UP (IF YOU CHOOSE TO BAT 10 OR 11:

- AN ELIGIBLE SUB OR IF NO AVAILABLE SUBS, THE LAST RECORDED OUT MUST BE USED AS THE COURTESY RUNNER. **IF THE LAST RECORDED OUT IS THE BATTER ON DECK OR IN THE HOLE, THE NEXT TO RUN WILL BE THE LAST RECORDED OUT FURTHEST FROM THE BATTER.**
- IN THE CASE OF AN EJECTION AND NO ELIGIBLE SUBS ARE AVAILABLE, THAT POSITION WILL BE AN OUT EACH TIME AT BAT

DH RULE: TOP GUN WILL ALLOW A DH.

- IF A TEAM ELECTS TO USE A DH, ONLY 9 PLAYERS MAY BAT.
- A HITTER MAY BE (NOT MANDATORY) DESIGNATED FOR ANY ONE STARTING PLAYER (NOT JUST PITCHERS) & ALL SUBSEQUENT SUBSTITUTES FOR THAT PLAYER IN THE GAME.
- A STARTING DEFENSIVE PLAYER CANNOT BE LISTED AS THE DESIGNATED HITTER IN THE STARTING LINEUP. A DESIGNATED HITTER FOR SAID PLAYER MUST BE SELECTED BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME, NAME INCLUDED ON THE LINEUP CARDS & PRESENTED TO THE PLATE UMPIRE & SCOREKEEPER. IF NOT COMPLETED IN THIS MANNER & IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE START OF GAME- THEN YOU FORFEIT THE OPTION FOR A DH.
- IF A PINCH HITTER OR PINCH RUNNER FOR THE DESIGNATED HITTER IS USED, THAT PLAYER BECOMES THE NEW DESIGNATED HITTER.
- THE PLAYER WHO WAS THE DESIGNATED HITTER MAY RE-ENTER AS THE DESIGNATED HITTER UNDER THE RE-ENTRY RULE.
- A DESIGNATED HITTER AND THE PLAYER FOR WHOM HE IS BATTING ARE LOCKED INTO THE BATTING ORDER. NO MULTIPLE SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE THAT WILL ALTER THE BATTING ROTATION.
- IN CASE OF AN EJECTION-AND NO ELIGIBLE SUBS ARE AVAILABLE THAT POSITION WILL BE OUT AT EACH AT BAT.

SLIDING RULES - HEADFIRST SLIDES ARE ALLOWED

- RUNNERS DO NOT HAVE TO SLIDE AT A BASE OR HOME PLATE BUT CAN DO SO IF THEY ELECT.
- RUNNERS ***MUST*** AVOID MALICIOUS CONTACT WITH A DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHICH INCLUDES THE CATCHER OR ANY OTHER FIELDER. THIS IS A JUDGEMENT RULE BY THE UMPIRE.
- MALICIOUS CONTACT PENALTY – THE PLAYER IS EJECTED. NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE HER PLACE & AN OUT IS RECORDED EACH TIME IN THE BATTING ORDER. THE PLAYER IS TO LEAVE THE FACILITY WITH A GUARDIAN OR COACH & WILL HAVE TO SIT THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME.

TRIPS TO THE MOUND/DEFENSIVE CONFERENCES - TEAMS GET 3 TRIPS PER GAME.

- PITCHER MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE MOUND ON THE FORTH TRIP. TEAMS WILL NOT BE CHARGED WITH A TRIP IF THE PITCHER IS REMOVED.
- ONCE A TEAM HAS USED 3 TRIPS THEN EACH TIME THEY MAKE A TRIP TO THE MOUND AFTER THAT THE PITCHER MUST BE REMOVED.
- CONFERENCES WHILE PLAYING INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER WILL FOLLOW NFHS ITB CONFERENCE RULES

COACHES TO REMAIN IN DUGOUT WHILE ON DEFENSE. - REMINDER THAT COACHES MUST REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT WHILE ON DEFENSE – THIS IS A NFHS RULE

METAL CLEATS -ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN 14 & UP DIVISIONS

PENALTY FOR 12 & UNDER - PLAYER IS EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME & CAN RETURN TO THE NEXT GAME WITH PROPER MOLDED CLEATS.

COACH IS EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND THE NEXT GAME.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES: ARE ALLOWED. FOLLOW THE NFHS RULES. In the dugout for one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense. This rule change specifies that coaches are prohibited from using the device to communicate with any other team member while on defense or any team member while on offense and the coach cannot use the device outside the dugout/bench area. **PENALTY FOR VIOLATORS: COACH IS EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND NEXT SCHEDULED GAME.**

SLINGING OF THE BAT: ONE WARNING PER EACH BATTER. IF BATTER REPEATS, THEN SHE WILL BE CALLED OUT.

SAFETY GUARDS AND SHIELDS ON HELMETS: The FULL COVER SAFETY SHIELDS OR THE FULL-FACE COVER CAGE ON ALL BATTING HELMETS & JAW GUARDS ARE **NOT** CONSIDERED SAFETY SHIELDS.

PENALTY-A WARNING, IF PLAYER DOES NOT ACT ON WARNING IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL RESULT TO THE PLAYER BEING EJECTED FROM GAME.

MOUTH PIECES: ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL 8U THROUGH 14U WHO PLAY ON THE INFIELD (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CATCHER) THEY MUST WEAR A MOUTHPIECE OR FACE PROTECTIVE GEAR **16U AND UP**

ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS RULE.

PENALTY - A WARNING. IF THE PLAYER DOES NOT ACT ON WARNING IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL RESULT IN THE PLAYER BEING EJECTED FROM GAME.

GAME FACE IS NOT REQUIRED BUT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL

JEWELRY: NFHS ALLOWS PLAYERS TO WEAR JEWELRY BUT UMPIRES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RULE ON ANYTHING THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE A SAFETY HAZARD OR DISTRACTION.

PENALTY: A WARNING. IF THE PLAYER DOES NOT ACT ON WARNING IMMEDIATELY, THE PLAYER IS EJECTED FROM THE CURRENT GAME ONLY.

OPEN ROSTERS: -ALL ROSTERS ARE OPEN.

- ALL ROSTERS MUST BE COMPLETE ONLINE BEFORE YOUR FIRST SCHEDULED GAME OF A TOURNAMENT.
- TEAMS MAY PICK-UP PLAYERS TO FILL THEIR ROSTER AT ANY TIME BUT THE PLAYERS MAY NOT PLAY ON MORE THAN 1 TEAM AT ANY TOP GUN EVENT IN THE SAME WEEKEND.
- IN THE EVENT A RAINOUT CREATES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLAYER TO PLAY SATURDAY IN A COMPLETE ONE DAY TOURNAMENT AND THEN ON SUNDAY IN A DIFFERENT COMPLETE ONE DAY TOP GUN TOURNAMENT, THE PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH.
- NO PLAYER CAN PLAY IN A ONE DAY TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY AND THEN PICK-UP ON SUNDAY FOR A TOURNAMENT THAT WAS A TWO DAY EVENT.
- ALL PLAYERS MUST BE LISTED AS ACTIVE ON THE ONLINE ROSTER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH A TEAM.
- IF A TEAM IS PROTESTED AND A PLAYER IS NOT LISTED ACTIVE ON THE ROSTER THE PLAYER AND HEAD COACH WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME. THE PLAYER MAY REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT BUT HER SPOT IN THE LINE-UP WILL BE AN OUT EACH TIME SHE COMES UP IN THE BATTING ORDER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME (THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR HER SPOT) SHE MAY BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND IS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE NEXT GAME.
- THE HEAD COACH IS EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND THE NEXT GAME AND MUST LEAVE THE PARK IMMEDIATELY.

TIME LIMITS: THE GAME BEGINS AT THE COMPLETION OF THE HOME PLATE MEETING. ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT 45 MIN PRIOR TO SCHEDULED GAME TIME.

POOL GAMES ALL AGES TIME LIMIT:

- UMPIRES WILL FLIP AT HOME PLATE FOR HOME / VISITOR
 - ALL POOL GAMES WILL HAVE A 1 HOUR FINISH THE INNING TIME LIMIT. POOL GAMES CAN END IN A TIE.
 - ANYTIME THE HOME TEAM GOES AHEAD AFTER THE 1 HOUR TIME LIMIT HAS EXPIRED BALL GAME IS OVER.
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- ALL POOL GAMES ARE 1 HOUR FINISH THE INNING AND CAN END IN A TIE.
 - ALL 8U BRACKET GAMES ARE 1 HOUR TIME LIMIT INCLUDING CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. ALL BRACKET GAMES FOR AGES 10U-HS ARE 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE 1 HOUR 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

RUN RULE 12 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS, 10 RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS, 8 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS, OR AFTER 2 ½, 3 ½, OR 4 ½ INNINGS IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD BY 12, 10, OR 8 OR MORE RUNS.

8U BRACKET PLAY TIME LIMITS: SEE ALL SPECIFIC 8U RULES HERE ([LINK](#))

- **BRACKET GAMES** – HIGHEST SEED HAS CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR & 1 HOUR FINISH THE INNING - **NO TIES ALLOWED.**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES** – HIGHEST SEED HAS CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR UNLESS THE UNDEFEATED TEAM IS NOT THE HIGHER SEED. IF THIS IS THE CASE THEN THE UNDEFEATED TEAM WILL HAVE CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR & 1 HOUR 15 MIN. FINISH THE INNING - **NO TIES ALLOWED.**
- **IF TEAMS ARE TIED,** ONCE TIME LIMIT EXPIRES & INNING IS COMPLETE, THEN THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER WILL BE USED UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED.

10U THROUGH HS BRACKET PLAY TIME LIMITS:

- **BRACKET GAMES** - HIGHEST SEED HAS CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR & 1 HOUR 15 MIN. FINISH THE INNING - **NO TIES ALLOWED**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**- HIGHEST SEED HAS CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR HIGHEST SEED HAS CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR UNLESS THE UNDEFEATED TEAM IS NOT THE HIGHER SEED. IF THIS IS THE CASE THEN THE UNDEFEATED TEAM WILL HAVE CHOICE OF HOME/VISITOR & 1 HOUR 30 MIN. FINISH THE INNING - **NO TIES ALLOWED.**
- **IF TEAMS ARE TIED,** ONCE TIME LIMIT EXPIRES & INNING IS COMPLETE, THEN THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER WILL BE USED UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED.

COIN FLIPPING / IF GAME EXCEPTION: ALL IF GAMES WILL HAVE A COIN FLIP TO DETERMINE HOME OR VISITOR.

IF GAME RULES (FOR TWO DAY TOURNAMENTS)

- PLAY 1 FULL REGULAR INNING. WHEN THE INNING IS OVER, IF EITHER TEAM IS AHEAD THE GAME IS OVER.
- IF TEAMS ARE TIED AFTER THE FIRST INNING WE WILL CONTINUE TO THE NEXT INNING AND ANY INNING AFTER THAT USING THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULES UNTIL A WINNER IS DETERMINED.

INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULE

- 1) TO START THE EXTRA INNING, THE VISITING TEAM WILL PLACE THE LAST RECORDED OUT DURING THE PREVIOUS INNING, AS A RUNNER AT 2ND BASE.
- 2) TO COMPLETE THE EXTRA INNING, THE HOME TEAM WILL PLACE THEIR LAST RECORDED OUT DURING THE PREVIOUS INNING AS A RUNNER AT 2ND BASE.
- 3) PLAY EACH EXTRA INNING UNTIL THREE OUTS ARE RECORDED.
- 4) CONTINUE WITH THIS PROCEDURE UNTIL A WINNER IS DECIDED.
- 5) TRIPS TO MOUND/DEFENSIVE CONFERENCES WHILE PLAYING INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER WILL FOLLOW NFHS ITB CONFERENCE RULES