



# ***PENASQUITOS GIRLS SOFTBALL***

## **2019 PQ Memorial Day Classic Tournament**

### **Tournament Rules**

The current USA Softball Official Rules of Softball will be in effect unless otherwise stipulated.

**Team managers must have control of their players, coaches, and team followers at all times, on and off the field of play (see Manager Code of Conduct Form). Teams failing to follow the rules listed below could face possible disqualification from the tournament.**

#### **1. CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION**

- ~ All teams must check-in at the registration desk at least one hour prior to your first game.
- ~ All managers must sign the *Manager Code of Conduct* form before starting play.
- ~ Bring your completed roster and proof of age (USA Softball cards or birth certificates).
- ~ Rosters are limited to 15 players. No player can be added after check-in.
- ~ Players may not be rostered on more than one team.

#### **2. GAME PLAY**

- ~ Game time is forfeit time, the only exception is for the early Thursday and Friday games where there will be a 10-minute grace period.
- ~ A game may start when 8 players are present. However, an “out” will be incurred **every time** the “missing” spot comes up in the order.
- ~ All games, except Championship games, will be **one hour and 15 minutes** or **7 innings** (whichever comes first). No new inning shall start after the time limit has been reached.
- ~ **Drop Dead time is one hour and 30 minutes.** At Drop Dead Time, if the last inning has not been completed or the home team has not taken the lead or tied the game, the game score will revert to the last completed inning of play.
- ~ Championship games will have a 1 hour 30 mins No New Inning time limit or 7 Innings (whichever comes first).
- ~ During pool play, games may end in a tie. During bracket/championship play, the “international tie-breaker” rule shall be in effect.
- ~ Teams have the option of batting their entire line-up and having free defensive substitutions (Exception: 8U Special Rules). Teams choosing that option may only use any player as a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher only (as long as that player doesn't have to bat while on base). Teams not choosing the "bat-around" option must then abide by the USA Softball rules on substitutions (Batting 9 players or DP/Flex).



~ **Mercy Rule:** For all games, the game will be over if a team is ahead by 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings, or 6 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead).

~ **Metal Cleats** – Metal cleats are ONLY permitted to be worn during 14U games at the PQ Tournament. Players wearing metal cleats in the younger divisions will be removed from the game.

~ **Run Limits:** Run limits, per inning: 8U (4 runs), 10U (5 runs), 12U (5 runs), and 14U (5 runs).

~ Pitching distances are as follows: 8U (30 feet). 10U (35 feet). 12U (40 feet), and 14U (43 feet).

~ Base distances are as follows: 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U (60 feet).

### 3. **GROUND RULES**

~ No practice on the infield dirt. Teams may warm up between the foul lines and the fence.

~ Teams may **not** use the batting cages located at Canyonside Park at anytime for warm-ups.

~ The team listed first or on the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout. The only exception will be for teams playing consecutive games on the same field, in which case they will not be asked to change dugouts.

~ Home team will be determined by a coin toss at the pregame meeting with umpires and managers (**this is for pool play and all bracket/championship game play**).

~ Home team will be responsible for the official scorekeeper. The official scorekeeper will not be allowed to announce “out of order” batters.

~ Each team is responsible for cleaning the dugout thoroughly after each game.

~ Game balls will be provided by PQGSA.

~ No artificial noisemakers allowed.

~ No alcoholic beverages in the field or parking areas (including any off-site parking locations).

~ No BBQs allowed anywhere at Canyonside Park, including any designated off-site parking areas.

~ Parking will be limited to areas at Canyonside Park and designated off-site locations. Each league is responsible for communicating the parking guidelines to all managers/parents of participating players. Parking violations will be strictly enforced. Please give yourself plenty of time to find suitable parking.

~ No photographers are allowed on the field of play with the exception of those designated by the PQGSA.

~ All adults on the fields and in the dugout areas must be USA Softball background checked. This includes all coaches, umpires, and scorekeepers.



4. **PROTESTS:** There are no protests. The home plate umpire on the field shall have the final call.
5. **Special Playing Rules for 8U**
- A. One stolen base per pitch, runner at third cannot steal home, a play at a base does **not** release the runner from 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bases (including home) may be awarded by the umpire accordingly to USA Softball rules.
  - B. No dropped third strike.
  - C. No infield fly rule.
  - D. Balls: 10" Worth RIF
  - E. Run Limit: 4 run limit per inning, in all games (No open inning)
  - F. 8U Championship Game: **(1hr 30min New New Inning)**
  - G. **You MUST bat your entire roster. No DP Flex.** Teams batting less than 9 players will take an out each time the spot comes up in the batting order.
6. **Special Rules for 10U**
- A. Balls: 11" Worth RIF 10
  - B. Run Limit: 5 run limit per inning, in all games (No open inning)
  - C. All other USA Softball rules apply (open plate, dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, infield fly, unlimited base stealing, etc.)
  - D. 10U Championship Game: **(1hr 30min New New Inning)**
7. **Special Rules for 12U & 14U**
- A. Balls: 12" Dream Seams
  - B. Run Limit: 5 run limit per inning, in all games (No open inning)
  - C. All other USA Softball rules apply (open plate, dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, infield fly, unlimited base stealing, etc.)
  - D. Metal cleats for 14U only.
  - E. 12U & 14U Championship Game: **(1hr 30min New New Inning)**
8. **BRACKET SEEDING:** All teams will advance to the single elimination bracket play. Seeding will be based on the following criteria:
- 1. Win (2 pts), loss (0 pts.), tie (1 pt.)
  - 2. Head to head results (if 3 teams are tied, proceed to Fewest Runs allowed)
  - 3. Fewest Runs allowed
  - 4. Highest Runs scored
  - 5. Coin toss (if needed)

In the event of rain or other delays, PQGSA Tournament Officials may adjust the schedule to keep games and bracket play on schedule.