

## **2026 RULES AND REGULATION**

### **Rule 1 - Registration**

- a. All players and coaches must be current-year registered with USA Softball to participate in any Oahu Junior Olympic (OJO) sanctioned games and/or events. Players must show proof of age with a valid birth certificate.
- b. All teams must have access to their USA Softball player and coach registration (printed or electronic ID/roster) at all games to verify current-year registration. Umpires will report any players and/or coaches that they were not able to verify to the Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) immediately after the game. The UIC will follow up with OJO Registrar and League Director.
- c. All coaches must pass a mandatory background check and SafeSport training to coach in any OJO sponsored league. All coaches must perform and pass background check and SafeSport Training online at [hi.registerplay.com](http://hi.registerplay.com)
- d. All coaches must have completed ACE certification at least once. We recommend that ACE be renewed annually. Cards and/or certificates are the property of the coach that completed the course.
- e. Any Head Coach/Manager who allows an unregistered player or coach to participate in any OJO sponsored game will be subject to suspension.
- f. Any violation of the rules (a-e) may result in up to a two-game suspension. Further action will be determined by the Board if violation(s) continues.

### **Rule 2 - Roster**

- a. No team may have more than 20 players on their roster.
- b. Drop/Transfer
  1. If a player requests to drop/transfer prior to the first game of the spring season a "Drop Transfer Form" is not mandatory.
  2. Once the rosters are locked for the spring season no drop/transfers will be allowed. The "Drop Transfer Form" must be completed by all parties and given to the OJO/JO Commissioner for approval.
- c. A player must be rostered on only one team.
- d. A coach may roster on multiple teams.
- e. Rosters will be locked 30 days after the first game of the spring season. Some rosters are locked earlier due to our State Tournament deadlines. No changes in rosters will be allowed once the rosters are locked. All rosters will be unlocked 24 hours after the last national JO tournament.

- f. Roster for Invitational Tournaments players will be allowed to play on only one team and they must be registered for the current year.

### **Rule 3 - Code of Conduct of Players, Coaches and Parents'**

- a. Players and coaches will conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and must abide by the coaching ethics policy and pledge
- b. Parents and all spectators will conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and must abide by the parent's code of ethics pledge.
- c. Coaches must abide by the zero tolerance consumption of alcohol policy.
- d. Coaches, parents or players will not encourage any player to leave a team for another team.
- e. Players and coaches will follow all OJO, USA Softball of Hawaii, USA Softball, federal, state and county rules and regulations.
- f. The Board reserves the right to refuse any individual from coaching in the Oahu Junior Olympics Girls Fastpitch Softball league.

### **Rule 4 - Games**

- a. If a game has been canceled because of weather or other conditions the age group League Director will try to reschedule the game on a later date.
- b. If a game is canceled by one or both teams for any reason, a replacement team or teams are allowed to play with the League Directors authorization.
- c. Umpires may check players' and/or coaches' eligibility to participate.
- d. Each team will provide one brand new league approved Baden game ball. Any additional balls will be provided by both teams.
- e. Playing Rules- All USA Softball current year rules will be used. Any local rules established will also apply.
- f. Special requests for game scheduling will be considered, but will not be guaranteed. Please make a request to the League Director.
- g. Umpire fees will be paid at the plate. Each team is responsible to have their cash payment for the umpire(s) to be paid at the pre-game conference prior to the start of the game. Games will not start until payment is received by the umpire(s).

### **Rule 5 - Protest**

- a. No protest of games will be allowed for regular season game play.

### **Rule 6 - Disciplinary ruling and punishment**

- a. Each case will be subject to Board action in accordance with "Oahu Junior Olympic Girls Fastpitch Softball Ethics Form."

## Rule 7 – Non-payment of fees and late fees

- a. In order for a team to be placed on the game schedule, team fees and registration fees (players and coaches) must be paid in full by the established deadlines (SEE CALENDAR). Player and coach registration must also be in approved status via registersusasoftball.com. All teams who pay their fees by the established deadline will be scheduled.
- b. Late Fees:
  1. Any team that pays their fees *after* the established deadline, but within 14 calendar days of the deadline, will be assessed a \$100 late fee.
  2. Any team that registers late will be scheduled at the League Director's discretion and is **not guaranteed** a full game schedule.
  3. Teams that want to register AFTER the 14 days late period will be subject to approval.
- c. If any balance due to OJO is not settled at the end of the season and/or tournament, that team will not be allowed to play in the next season or the next tournament until all balance due is paid. Furthermore the Manager and/or Head Coach of that team will not be allowed to coach on that or any other team until balance due is paid.
- d. In order to schedule games in a timely manner, once the League Director distributes the game schedule no changes will be made. Exceptions will be scheduler error or shortage of field/umpires.

If a team request to cancel or change their schedule they will be assessed a fee

If a team is a no show or late to a scheduled game they will be assessed a fee

FEE: \$25 for per date occurrence

## Rule 8 - OJO Invitational Tournaments

- a. All players and coaches must be USA Softball registered in the current year to participate in the tournaments.
- b. Preference to play will be given to teams that are participating in the current OJO season.
- c. Team rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Director via the tournament website.
- d. Tournament format will be determined by participation and/or field availability.
- e. Tournament entry fee must be paid at the deadline of the team registration date per tournament website.
- f. The awarding of the concession and/or field maintenance rights will be determined by the Tournament Staff.
- g. Detailed tournament information can be found at [usasoftballhawaii.org](http://usasoftballhawaii.org).
- h. No protest allowed

## **Rule 9 - Team playing in an Age Group**

- a. A team is allowed to play up no more than one age group higher than their team registered age. **Example: 10u teams can only play up to 12u division**