

Sluggers Softball Tournament Series 2026

Playing Rules & Guidelines

Tournament Director: Bill Amero 330-501-7506 bill.amero@gmail.com

Field Location:

1. This is a non-sanctioned tournament. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format at any time due to weather or any unforeseen circumstances. No rain date is planned.
2. The planned format is three pool play games with all teams advancing to a single elimination tournament.
3. Prior to the start of the tournament, teams must submit a player roster and proof of insurance. No team will be permitted to take the field without submitting a team roster and proof of insurance.
4. Once the team roster has been submitted, there will be no changes to this roster during the duration of the tournament. The only exception is if due to a player injury, a team cannot field nine players, a player may be added to the team roster only with the prior approval of the tournament director. The player added must meet the age requirements for that age division.
5. Only players listed on the team roster that was submitted may play in any games for that team.
6. A player cannot be listed on the roster of two different teams participating in the tournament, including being listed on the rosters of two different teams playing in two different age divisions.
7. Teams will follow the attached "Players Age Chart" (last page) to determine which age group players are permitted to play in. There will be absolutely no exception to this.
8. In case of rain, managers are responsible for contacting the Tournament Director to confirm game times and any additional rescheduling.
9. Teams are to provide a cell number for both the head coach and at least one additional coach to ensure proper communication with teams.
10. Communication will be sent via text or email during the tournament for any inclement weather delays.
11. Warm-ups will not be permitted on the lined infield before games. There will be ample warm-up area outside of the fields. No soft toss or hitting balls into any fencing around the complex.
12. A coin toss will determine the Home and Visitor team for each game. The higher seed will have the option in elimination games. The Home team will be considered the Official Scorebook.
13. All teams must be at the field, and prepared to play, 15 minutes before the scheduled game time.
14. Once teams are situated in their dugouts, head coaches are to meet with the umpire immediately to decide who is the home team and visitor team, review any field specific rules and the game will start immediately after.
15. The winning team is responsible for reporting the final score to Bill Amero at 330-501-7506 immediately after the game. Please be sure the final score you report is correct. The score you report must be verified with the opposing team before reporting it.

16. Pool Play Games
 - a) All pool games are 80-minutes long, drop dead (or six innings for 8U, 10U & 12U and seven innings for 14U).
 - b) The final score is whatever the score is at the 80-minute mark. No reverting back to the score at the beginning of the inning.
 - c) If field availability allows, the pool games will be 90-minute games instead of 80-minutes.
 - d) Starting at the 60-minute mark, offensive and defensive time outs are not permitted, except for an injury. If there is an injury timeout after the 60-minute mark, the clock is to stop.
 - e) If the score is tied at the 80-minute mark (or after six complete innings for 8U, 10U & 12U and seven innings for 14U), the result will be a tie.
17. Elimination Games (Sunday Games)
 - a) All elimination games will be 70-minutes, finish the inning (or six innings for 8U, 10U & 12U and seven innings for 14U).
 - b) If the score is tied, the international tie-breaker rule will be in effect. The player scheduled to bat last in the inning shall start at second base.
18. Championship Games (Sunday Games)
 - a) All championship games will be 7 innings (6 innings for 12U) with no time limit.
 - b) If the score is tied, the game will continue until the winner is determined.
19. Throughout the entire tournament (including Sunday games), teams may bat their entire roster, bat a straight nine players, or utilize the DP/Flex.
20. Courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers are the last batted out.
21. A mercy rule will apply to all games as follows:
 - a) 12 runs after 3 innings
 - b) 10 runs after 4 innings
 - c) 8 runs after 5 innings
22. Tie breakers (if necessary) for all games, except for championship games are (in order):
 - a) Win-Loss Record
 - b) Head-to-Head Results (if only 2 teams)
 - c) Runs Allowed
 - d) Runs Scored
 - e) Coin toss
23. Umpires will be given two softballs for each game. Each team is responsible to have someone shag foul balls and return them to the umpire. If the umpire does not have any game balls left, each team is responsible for providing a ball to complete the game.
24. Team trophies will be awarded to the 1st place and 2nd place team in each age group. Players will receive tournament rings.
25. A \$5.00 daily entrance fee (per person) will be charged throughout the tournament.
 - a) Twelve (12) and under are free
 - b) Players are free
 - c) Up to three coaches per team are free
26. Refunds due to weather are as follows:
 - 0 games played = \$350
 - 1 or 2 games played = \$275
 - 3 or more games played = \$0

Sluggers of Ohio LLC, will not be held responsible for any accident or injury during this tournament