



Troll Tourney '22

Rules

1. USA Softball rules apply except as noted in this document.
2. Check in 30 minutes prior to your first game behind home plate of your designated field. Have available proof-of-age for every player if needed.
3. Criteria for seeding will be as follows:
 - a. Pool play record
 - b. Head to head competition
 - c. Fewest total runs allowed
 - d. Run differential (max 10 per game)
 - e. Coin toss
4. A coin toss will decide the home team prior to each game. Home team will be the official scorekeeper and is responsible for turning in a final score
5. No infield practice prior to the game so the fields can be prepared quickly. Keep your players in the outfield grass.
6. Pitchers will be limited to 5 warm up pitches in the 1st inning or when a new pitcher enters the game. After the 1st inning only 3 warm up pitches are allowed.
7. The on-deck batter will be behind the batter at a safe distance.
8. You have two options for your batting order. Once the lineup card is turned in you can no longer change for that game. The two options are:
 - a) Use USA Softball substitution rules and play 9 or 10 (DP/Flex rule). Substitutions are made by reporting to the umpire.
 - b) You may bat your full roster and have unlimited substitutions. Any player that leaves during the game (illness, injury, etc) is not allowed to re-enter. Their spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out each time that player is scheduled to bat.
9. Courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be the last out (not pitcher/catcher). When using USA Softball substitution rules, the courtesy runner must be a bench player.
10. Any game ending in a tie will be completed using the International Tie Breaker.
11. No new inning will start after 75 minutes. Games will be 6 innings in length or until the time limit expires, whichever comes first. The home plate umpire will be the official timekeeper.
EXCEPTION: Championship game will be 7 innings.
12. Medals will be awarded to 1st & 2nd Place finishers.

13. The following run ahead rule is in effect: 15 after three innings, 10 after four innings, and 8 after five innings.

14. Games may begin 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time so be prepared if we're running ahead of schedule.

15. Umpires are officially in charge of conducting each game. Umpires will discuss rules interpretation questions with team head coaches only.

16. Coaches are responsible to ensure their dugout and surrounding area is clean after each game.

17. Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward an opposing team, umpire or official of the tournament will NOT be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejection, without warning, by a tournament official or umpire. Anyone ejected must leave the diamond area within 1 minute or the game may be forfeited. Coaches are responsible for their fans.

18. The tournament director reserves the right to change any of the rules previously listed.