

USA SOFTBALL MA. LOCAL TOURNAMENT
REQUIRED RULES (ALL CLASSIFICATIONS)

The following rules are required to be sanctioned by USA Softball MA.

TIME LIMIT: 90 Minutes no new inning

TEAM LINE UPS (See Rule 4 Section 1 C.1):

Tournaments may choose one of the following formats:

Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex

Teams may bat everyone on their roster during pool play only

Teams that bat everyone in their line-up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an ejection. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone.

If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited.

COACH CONDUCT:

Coaches that are ejected from a tournament game WILL be prohibited from coaching their team's next game. Depending on the circumstances of the ejection, a coach may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and may also require a disciplinary hearing with USA Softball MA.

HOME TEAM:

Home team will be determined by a coin flip during pool play games. During elimination play, home team will be determined by higher seed having choice. Should both teams be the same seed, a coin flip will be used.

TIE GAMES (See Rule 5, Section 11.):

During pool play, games may end in a tie even with time remaining. During elimination play, games that are tied after 7 innings or after time has expired will go into the USA Softball tie-breaker rule.

RUN AHEAD RULE – (See Rule 5, Section 9 A.1.B)

Game will be complete if a team is ahead by the following runs: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, & 8 runs after 5 innings. The run ahead rule will be in-effect for both pool and elimination games.