

Sun City Festival Tournament Rules/Information 2020

Senior Softball - SSUSA Rules (www.seniorsoftball.com) Except as defined below:

Official Bats: All bats marked "1.20/1.21 bpf" or SSUSA approved will be allowed. No Original Gray Ultra will be allowed. Any attempt to use a non-approved or altered bat will result in the batter being called out and ejected from the game.

Regulation Game: A regulation game will be SEVEN innings for the tournament. Games will be sixty (60) minutes for all Tiers. Once the 60 minutes has expired, that inning will be completed and the "Open Inning" will be played. Teams are limited to four(4) runs per inning, except for the final "Open Inning" where each team can score an unlimited number of runs. Championship day games will use a full count and be at least seven innings and played until there is a winner. Third strike foul is an out (No courtesy foul ball).

Home Team: During Round Robin Play, the Home Team will be decided by a coin flip by the Managers and Umpires. The visiting team will receive a half (1/2) run which will be awarded if the score is tied at the end of a regulation game. During Championship Day Play, the half (½) run no longer applies and the higher seed will be the designated Home Team. If necessary, for Championship Day Play the SSUSA Tie Breaker Rule will be used.

Flip-Flop Rule: There is no Flip-Flop rule at this Tournament.

Mercy Rule: The Mercy Rule will be used in all games except the Championship Game (in all divisions). The Mercy Rule applies when a Team is ahead by twelve (12) or more runs after five (5) innings or ten (10) or more runs after six (6) complete innings.

Foul Tips: Any foul tip caught on the fly by the catcher is an out.

Sliding: Sliding is allowed at 2nd and 3rd base. A runner may also slide or dive when returning to 1st base. Any runner intent on physically upending the fielder or taking out the fielder will be called out.

Pitcher's Protection Rule: Pitchers must wear a protective mask and are encouraged to wear shin guards/chest protectors/cups. **Pitcher protection screens will NOT be used.** Pitcher's must sign a pitching waiver to pitch in the tournament.

Home Runs: There is a maximum of five (5) home runs over the fence per team per game. Any home run hit over the fence will count against the team's 5 home run limit. Additional home runs hit over the fence will count as WALKS. Any "fielding four (4) base error" called by the umpire(s) will not count against a team's 5 home run limit.

Tie Breakers in Preliminary/Round Robin Play: If there are any teams with the same record, the tie(s) will be decided by: (1) Head to Head Competition (2) Run Differential (3) Least Runs Scored Against and (4) Flip of the Coin. All FORFEITED games will be treated as a loss.

Roster/Player Info:

1. No Roster changes are allowed once the Tournament begins.
2. No player can play on more than one team at the same level.
3. Fifteen (15) player max per Roster. Players on the roster may substitute run without batting.
4. No substitute runner allowed from Home Plate.

Shirt Numbers: All players must have a legible number on the back of their shirts. **NO NUMBER - NO PLAY**

Line-Up Card: Managers must submit a Written Line-Up for every game and it must include a list of subs. The Line-Up must be submitted to the announcer at the announcer's table 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. Managers have been supplied with Line-Up forms and additional forms are available at the announcer's table. As a courtesy the Pink copy should be given to the opposing team manager.

Pickle Ball Court: Any ball hit into the Pickle Ball Court will result in the batter being called out.