

SCF IN-HOUSE STATES TOURNAMENT RULES

TEAMS

- * 6 teams with 12-13 players each
- * Drafted by state or region that player was born, worked, lived, college, or retired from.
- * Rating Committee to draft teams will make a "best effort" to balance teams which may or may not include allotting runs to lower rated teams.

GAMES

- * First 2 days will be seeding games
- * Next days will be single or double elimination bracket play based upon seeding games: wins/loses, head to head, runs given up, coin toss.
- * Outfield restriction line will be applied (160' arc). Enforced penalty by umpire.
- * 7 Inning games or time limit whichever occurs first.
- * Time limits: Seeding games 65 minutes + open inning / **Bracket games no time limit**

RULES

- * Community League rules apply except for below.
- * There will be no mercy rule in this tournament.
- * ASA bats only (all players) If umpire sees that batter uses any other bat, the penalty will be that batter is out, runners do not advance.
- * Women batters may use women's league ball.
- * 4 run limit per 1/2 inning at bat / unlimited runs in open inning
- * Home Run (out of park) Rule: 1 up play (1st HR counts then 2nd HR (same team) is a walk until the opponent team scores HR then it goes back & forth.
- * Seeding play Home team determined by coin toss
- * Bracket play: numerically lowest seeded team will have choice: home or visitor.
- * Visiting team gets 1/2 run (eliminates ties) **except for championship game there will be no 1/2 run, and there will be a coin toss.**
- * 1 & 1 pitch / one to give (after 2nd strike batter is allowed 1 foul ball, then 2nd foul ball - batter is out).
- * Every batter starts with 1 strike & 1 ball.
- * All players must bat and play (unless injured- no faking)
- * All players **must** play 3 defensive innings per game
- * If newly injured player is not able to bat, then 1st time at bat after injury will be an out. Then player may be removed from rotation for that specific game.
If player needs a courtesy runner, SSUSA rules apply. Any team player may be
- * courtesy runner once an inning. If player has been a courtesy runner then that player can not be a courtesy runner for another in that inning.
If a newly injured player is batting and requires a courtesy runner that courtesy runner
- * may run from home line. Only for newly acute injured players not for slow runners. Any questions will be decision of Home Plate Umpire.
Pitcher time limit: Pitchers must pitch ball within 7 seconds after umpire signals
- * play ball. Penalty: 1st time verbal warning, next time the pitch will be called a ball.
- * **ABSOLUTELY NO PLAYERS ARGUING WITH UMPIRES.**
- * Managers (coaches) only may appeal to umpires, not players.
- * Home plate Umpire has FINAL decision