

SCF IN-HOUSE STATES TOURNAMENT RULES

TEAMS

- * 8 teams with 12 players each
- * Drafted by state or region where player was born, worked, lived, college, or retired from.
- * Rating Committee to draft teams will make a "best effort" to balance teams & reserves the right to place player(s) out of region to balance teams.

GAMES

- * First day will be seeding games
- * 2nd day will start double elimination bracket play based upon seeding games wins/loses, head to head, runs given up, run differential then 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 & 1st day of bracket games will be 60 minutes + open inning / 3rd day & 4th day bracket games no time limit

RULES

- * SSUSA rules will apply except as noted below.
- * Mercy rule applies: 12 runs after 5 innings / 10 runs after 6 innings
- * ASA bats only (except ladies) If umpire sees that batter uses any other bat, the penalty will be that batter is out, runners do not advance.
- * Lady batters may use HOT bat and 11" women's softball.
- * 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.
- * Penalty for outfield restriction line violation is: batter & all base runners awarded 1 base (unless each has already advanced 1 or more bases safely)
- * For seeding & bracket play: Home team determined by coin toss
- * Visiting team gets 1/2 run(eliminates ties)**except for championship game there will be no 1/2 run.**
- * 1&1 pitch / one to give (after 2nd strike batter is allowed 1 foul ball, then 2nd foul ball is an out).
- * Every batter starts with 1 strike & 1 ball.
- * All players must bat and play (unless injured- no faking)
- * All players **must** play 5 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. See Director for sub.
- * 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. Violation: runner that used a courtesy runner will be called out.
- * If an injured player is batting, he may request a courtesy runner who runs from home plate fence line. This option is **ONLY** used for injured players, not slow runners. Any questions of injury will be the decision of tournament Director.
- * 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.
- * Managers (coaches) only may appeal to umpires, not players.
- * Home plate Umpire has FINAL decision
- * **ABSOLUTELY NO PLAYERS OR COACHES ARGUING WITH UMPIRES.**