

SPANISH FORK PARKS & RECREATION

2024 Big Slam FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL Tournament Rules

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. Every coach, player and fan is responsible to show good sportsmanship during tournament. If we lose track of this important concept, we lose the game no matter what the final score is.

POOL GAMES will determine seeding into the true double elimination brackets. Check brackets for game time.

AWARDS will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams on the final day of the tournament.

USA Tournament Rules will govern play with the following exceptions:

1. **PITCHING.** USA Softball pitching rules will be enforced. **43'-18U,16U & 14U, 40'- 12U.**
2. **HOME TEAM** will be determined by a coin toss by the umpire.
3. **LINE-UP. Pool Play AND Tournament Play** - all players may bat with free defensive subs.
4. **AUTOMATIC OUTS.** Any team failing to field at least nine uniformed players will be assessed an out in the batting order for each missing player at the end of batting order.
5. **TIME LIMIT.** **POOL PLAY GAMES** will last 7 innings or 1 hour. No new inning will begin after 1 hour. **TOURNAMENT GAMES** will last for 7 innings or 1 hour 15 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 15 minutes from game time.
6. **MERCY RULE. POOL PLAY**—12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5 or 45 minutes.
BRACKET —12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5 or 1 hour.
7. **TIE GAMES:** International tiebreaker rule will be used after time has expired or to start the 8th inning. Pool play will have 1 extra inning, if game is still tied, coin flip will determine winner. In extra innings the last out will start on 2nd base.
8. **CHAMPIONSHIP** will be 7 innings unless called on the mercy rule. The “If” game will be on a time limit. Unbeaten team will be home in first championship. Home will be Coin Flip if a second game is played.
9. **INFIELD OR BATTING PRACTICE.** There will be no infield or batting practice taken on the field prior to game time. Please do not play soft-toss against the fences, use batting cages.
10. **PROTESTS.** All protests will be settled by the UIC and/or tournament Director at the time they arise and before the game continues. If a pitch has been thrown after the call, it is too late to protest.
11. **ROSTERS.** It is the responsibility of each coach to submit proof of USA registration and insurance. A copy of the official USA roster needs to be submitted to the tournament director or supervisor prior to the team's first game. **Coaches must be registered and are required to wear their ID badges on the field and in the dugout.**
12. **SCORE KEEPING.** Spanish Fork score keepers will keep the official book & scoreboard. Game time will kept on the field by the umpire.
13. Speed up runners will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher.
14. **PLAYERS MAY ONLY PLAY ON 1 TEAM DURING THE TOURNAMENT!!!**
16. ***NO DOGS, SCOOTERS, SKATES(BOARDS), BIKES, HOVERBOARDS ETC..!!!***
17. Spanish Fork Parks and Recreation reserves the right to make any changes or adjustments to this tournament.