



# Diamond Classic Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament Rules

Dickinson, North Dakota | June 19-21, 2026

The 2026 Diamond Classic is a USA Softball of North Dakota-sanctioned tournament.

**UMPIRES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL. No protests.**

## TOURNAMENT INFO

Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place 10U and 1st and 2nd 12U teams for each bracket, in both the gold and silver divisions. 14U, 16U and 18U teams will receive awards for a 1st place finish in their bracket.

Coaches must check Tourney Machine and maintain contact with Tournament Headquarters in case of time changes.

Each team is responsible for its own first aid needs, injury management, and player care throughout the tournament.

Concessions and tournament apparel will be available to purchase.



## GENERAL GAME INFO

Bats must be approved. All bats and helmets should be ready for umpire inspection in front of the dugout prior to each game.

POOL PLAY will follow JO rules roster bat. BRACKET PLAY will follow JO rules using the EP.

Game balls are provided.

## PLAYERS

Pick-up players are allowed if they are registered, are not on the roster for another team in the division, and are age appropriate for the division in which they will be playing. Players can only participate on one team in one division.

## HOME TEAM

To be determined by a ball roll from home plate to the pitcher's mound, 5 minutes before the game.

The home team is the official scorekeeper.

## TIME LIMITS & TIES

12U, 14U, 16U and 18U – 7 innings or 80 minutes and finish inning.

10U - 7 innings or 70 minutes and finish inning.

Championship Games: 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U - 7 innings or 90 minutes finish the inning; 10U - 7 innings or 80 minutes finish the inning.

Pool play games can end in a tie if time is expired, or 7 complete innings have been played.

Bracket play will follow the international tiebreaker rule if necessary; last out from the previous inning will be placed at 2nd base.



## RUN RULES

15 after 3, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5 innings of play.

\*The 10U Silver division will have a 6-run limit per inning.

## COURTESY RUNNERS

A reserve may courtesy run for the pitcher and/or catcher. Courtesy runner may not run for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.

POOL PLAY: Courtesy runner will be the last out. BRACKET PLAY: Courtesy runner must be a substitute. If a substitute player is not available, the last out must be used.

## GAME RESULTS

The WINNING TEAM is responsible for notifying Tournament Headquarters of the final score immediately after the game. **Send a text to (701) 290-9072 with head coach name, division, opponent, and score.**

Game results will determine the seeding and/or winner of division depending on how the division is set up. In the event of a tie in, seeding/winner will be based on the following:

- Win/Loss Record (win=2, loss=0, tie=1)
- Head-to-Head Score
- Runs Scored Against

## ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

Have your first aid kits available in the dugout when playing games.

Please clean up your dugout after each game.

No sunflower seed or dogs are allowed in the Sanford Sports Complex.

## 10U SILVER TOURNAMENT RULES

Maximum of 10 defensive players (four outfielders).

Batters will start with one strike.

No stealing and no bunting!!

Base runner shall not leave the base until the ball is hit.

Players may advance only ONE base on all overthrows, even to the outfield.

May bat entire lineup. Batting lineup will follow USA Softball rules. If player is injured they may be skipped with no automatic out.

A defensive coach can stand behind the catcher to retrieve ball to help speed up the game but CANNOT coach from that position.

