

14U Fire On the Fox Tournament Rules

Players

- Teams are limited to 15 players that have not reached their 15th birthday as of September 1st of the previous year.
- Proof of age (Birth Certificate) must be available if requested by the tournament committee. Any games in which an ineligible player is used will be declared a forfeit.
- Injured players who can't continue the game and miss their batting spot will be out for the remainder of the game.)
- Final rosters and liability waivers must be turned into the concession stand at least 30 minutes prior to the team's 1st game.

Games and Length

- All elimination games will be 7 innings or with a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes. (No new inning after 75 minutes)
 - All elimination games tied at the end of regulation innings or after time expires, the international tie-breaker (last out on 2nd base) will be used until a winner is declared.
 - **Pool Play Games** ends at 75 Minutes, (**Drop Dead Rule**).
 - If the batter is in the box (Umpire Discretion) she will be able to bat. Otherwise Game Over
- The Championship game will be 7 innings with a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Home team is decided by a coin flip for pool play. For Bracket play, Home team is based off the higher seeded team.
- The official start time will be determined by the home plate umpire, acknowledged by both teams and recorded by Home team.
- A new inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made.
- No new inning will start after the time limit has expired.
- Pool games tied at the end of the time limit will be declared a tie for seeding purposes.
- The Mercy Rules are as follows (15 Runs after 3, 12 Runs after 4, and 10 Runs after 5)

Pitching

- USA Softball regulated 12-inch ball at a distance of 43 feet will be used for all games.
- New pitchers are allowed 5 "Warm Up" pitches while returning pitchers are allowed 3 "Warm Up" pitches
- USA pitching rules are followed.
- The 3rd strike must be secured by the catcher or it is considered a live ball.

Offense

- Full USA rules are in effect.
- • Base runners are highly encouraged to slide into all bases (except 1st) when play is made upon them. It is the umpire's discretion to make the call. If the runner doesn't slide and makes contact with fielder and/or obstructs the play, that runner will be called out.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher and pitcher on record. The courtesy runner will be the last out or last batter if no outs occurred.
- Substitution and batting order will be allowed in either of two forms which must be clarified with the umpire prior to the start of the game.
 - Teams may bat 9 and may use the DP/Flex option.
 - Bat the entire roster with free substitutions on defense.

Additional Rules

- Any intentional stalling as deemed by the umpire will result in forfeiture of that game.
- Metal spikes are allowed.
- The umpire's decision is final.

- Tie Breakers for seeding purposes are as follows:
 - A. Wins/Losses
 - B. Total pool play runs allowed
 - C. Total pool play runs scored
 - D. A coin flip

- In the event of inclement weather, games and/or tournament format may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. If the remainder of the tournament needs to be cancelled, the final tournament standings will be determined as follows:
 - a. If Championship games have been started, the game will be decided by the score of the last full inning
 - b. If Championship games have not started, a complete inning hasn't been played, or tied, then bracket seeding will be final standings

Any rules not covered here are governed by USA rules.

The tournament committee reserves the right to change any rules listed above

Home team will hold the official book

Coaches and players are responsible for maintaining and cleaning the dugouts after each game.

No alcoholic beverage carry ins. Smoking is prohibited Profanity

Harassment, or intentional distractions by a coach, team member, or fan toward an opposing team or umpire will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is required. Unsportsmanlike conduct can lead to ejection without warning by a tournament member or umpire.

Repeated or grievous offenses will result in the team being eliminated from the tournament. Parking on the grass is prohibited unless otherwise stated.