

2009 ASA Regional 12 and Under Tournament

Rules and Regulations

1. All games will be played under 2009 ASA rules, except where modified in this document.
2. To be eligible for this event, your roster must be approved by the ASA Commissioner or Junior Olympic Commissioner in your area.
3. Roster is limited to twenty (20) players.
4. Players must sign the roster. If player is a minor, her parent or legal guardian must sign the roster. Each player must also have a photo ID to verify birth date (passport, California ID card or Virtual Tournament ID Card).
5. All decision on player eligibility will be made by the Rules Committee with appeal rights to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision is final.
6. Player uniform requirements shall be enforced as listed in the ASA Code (Class A and B teams.)
7. All catchers must wear a mask with throat protector, approved helmet with earflaps, shin guards with protection to the kneecaps and a body protector. An extended wire protector may be worn in lieu of a throat protector attached to the mask.

Any player warming up a J.O. pitcher must wear a mask with throat protector and approved helmet with earflaps.
8. The Wilson Optic Yellow Softball with cork center will be the official game ball of the tournament.
9. Game time is forfeit time.
10. Game line-up cards must be submitted by team managers to the scorekeeper fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled game time. When a copy of the lineup is submitted to the game Plate Umpire, it becomes official. All substitutes must be listed on the bottom of the lineup card. Lineup cards will be available at team check-in.
11. No infield practice will be allowed.

12. Time Limit: There is a one (1) hour and forty (40) minute time limit. All games will be seven innings or end by the Run Ahead Rule.
13. Run Ahead Rule: A fifteen (15) run rule after three (3) innings, twelve (12) after four (4) innings and an eight (8) run rule after five (5) innings will be in effect for all games.
14. If, after completion of seven (7) innings of play or time has expired and the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be played to determine a winning team. Starting with the top of the eighth innings, or next legal inning and each inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.
15. Home Teams will be determined by coin toss prior to each game at the time batting orders are submitted to the tournament representative at home plate. Teams listed on the upper portion of the bracket will use the third base dugout. Exception: A team playing consecutive games on the same diamond will remain in their dugout.
16. The Home Team will provide the official scorekeeper for each game.
17. Protests: When a protest is made, play will be halted. The two team managers concerned, along with the umpires, will meet with the Tournament Director and/or Umpire-in-Chief. The specific rule interpretation and umpire decision being protested will be presented to the Director. The Director will make a ruling at that time and ruling will be final with regard to the Tournament.
 - A. Rule interpretation protests must be made before the next pitch.
 - B. Illegal re-entry or substitution protests shall only be considered during the game.
18. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their respective teams and fans. Any player, coach or fan that conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, on or off the field, or causes any incident or action unfavorable to the Tournament will be removed from the complex. Managers must have full control of their players and spectators at all times on or off the fields. If the tournament schedule is delayed, it shall be the responsibility of each manager to contact the Tournament Director for possible game time and/or field changes. Additionally, destruction of property or abuse of hotel/motel guests could subject the team to suspension or other appropriate action.
19. Umpires (during games) and/or the Tournament Director (or his representative) shall have the responsibility of ejecting coaches, players or spectators for abusive language or other acts that are contrary to the

objectives and purposes of ASA. A warning for the first offense MAY be issued at the umpire's/official's discretion. The second offense by coaches, players or spectators shall result in ejection of the responsible individual(s). The second, and subsequent offenses by a spectator shall result in ejection of the (1) head coach, (2) coaching staff and (3) players.

20. Two (2) umpires shall be provided for each game.

21. All J.O. helmets must be equipped with a serviceable chin strap and NOCSAE approved face mask that is compatible with the helmet.

22. Each team is allowed one (1) ice chest for their dugout. Spectators may not bring ice chests into the complex.

23. As there are two (2) berths from this tournament advancing to the National Championships, the winner of game 7 will be declared the Regional Champion, and the winner of game 9 will be declared the runner-up.