



ELV Softball
Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League

2019 5th/6th DIVISION TOURNAMENT RULES

ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE A TEAM PLAYS THEIR FIRST GAME

ELIGIBILITY — All players must be 2019 rostered ELV players. All girls must play at the age level they were rostered at during the regular season

REGULAR PIAA RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

RUNNING BATTING ORDER — Mandatory

PITCHING — Unlimited, no restrictions. One re-entry per game.

MERCY RULE — 10 Runs after 5 Innings (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ if home team leading).

TIME OF GAME (Bracket Seeding Games) - No new inning shall start after 1:45 minutes from game start. If the home team is batting they will finish the at bat until they win or make three outs. **TIES ARE A LEGITIMATE RESULT IN SEEDING GAMES.**

TIME OF GAME SINGLE ELIMINATION – A game shall be considered official after 2:00 have been played **AND** the home team has batted (home team may complete their at bat after 2:00). No Time limit for Semi Final and Final games. International Tie Breaker will be used in the eighth inning of single elimination games (except championship game)

INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER - Will be used in the seventh inning during the single elimination part of the tournament. When a softball game is tied at the end of seven innings, the International Tie Breaker rule goes into effect. At the start of each inning, a runner is placed on second base with the intent of accelerating opportunities to score and bringing the game to a speedier conclusion. The runner is the last batter to make an out in

the previous inning. At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score. If the score remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until a victor emerges (one team scores more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning).

PROTESTS — All protests will be decided by the Tournament Director.

There will be no appeal to this ruling. All protests must be made **BEFORE** the next pitch has been made. A \$10 fee must accompany each protest.

SINGLE ELIMINATION STAGE FORMAT — Records will determine seeding. Head to Head is first criteria. In the event of equal records or equal head to head results, least runs allowed determine better seed. In the event there is still a tie highest run differential will be the determinant. A maximum of 10 runs will be used for run differential. If still tied, a coin flip will be used.

- All teams must be at their scheduled field a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled game (unless still playing an earlier scheduled game).
- A team may play with a minimum of 8 girls.
- Should we experience rain the games will be completed in order on the schedule with playing times being reassigned. Should this occur Sunday's schedule may have to be redone. Should most of Saturday's schedule be rained out a decision will be made concerning how the tournament will be continued (single elimination, during the week, etc.).
- No infield warm-up will be allowed between innings. The pitcher will be allowed 5 warm up pitches on first appearance and 3 pitches on her next innings entered. A BALL will be called on the batter for each pitch more than the limit.
- Coaches or spectators who are ejected from a game will not be permitted to attend the remaining tournament games. This means they will not be allowed to be physically present at the field. Coaches and spectators **MAY NOT** verbally or physically abuse an umpire. All ejected persons **MUST** leave the field immediately.