



ELV Softball

Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League

2021 MAJORS TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES – 2021 Kid Pitch Spring rules will apply with the following additions/exceptions

ELIGIBILITY - All players must be 2021 rostered ELV players. All girls must play at the age level they were rostered at during the regular season.

PITCHING – Same as during regular season

MERCY RULE - 10 Runs after 4 Innings (3 - ½ if the home team is leading).

TIME LIMIT BRACKET 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.**

SINGLE ELIMINATION STAGE FORMAT - Records will determine seeding. Head to Head is the first tie breaker. In the event of equal records least runs allowed in pool play will 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.

Single Elimination and Semi Final games will be played exactly as we do during the year. Beginning in the fifth (5th) inning and every inning thereafter, the five (5) run rule limit is no longer in effect. You are required to get three (3) outs. There is a 2 hour time limit. No new inning may start after the 2 hour time limit. In the event of a tie after the time limit we will use the International Tie Breaker.

INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER - Will be used in the sixth inning during the single elimination part of the tournament and semi-finals. When a softball game is tied at the end of six 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).

FINAL GAME - No Time Limit

PROTESTS - All protests will be decided by Tournament Director. There will be no appeal to this ruling. All protests **MUST** be made before the next pitch. A \$10 fee must accompany all protests.

- A team may play with a minimum of 8 girls.
- All teams must be at their scheduled field a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled game (unless still playing an earlier scheduled game).
- 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 etc.).
- Teams may not warm up on the field before the game.
- 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 that 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.