



2024 - Battle of the Roses Tournament Rules

The Battle of the Roses will be played according to USA Official Rules of Softball with the following modifications:

- Time Limit:** The game time is no new inning after 80 minutes or the completion of 7 innings, whichever comes first. Championship games will be played with no time limit for 12u and above.
- Tie Breaker:** Pool Play games may end in a tie. If during bracket play (Sunday), the game is tied at the end of time limit, the game will go into Tiebreaker. The last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 2nd base and the inning will be played. This will continue until there is a winner.
- Batting:** Straight USA Softball Book Rules.
Pool Play – Option to bat up to the entire lineup with EP's. Option to use the DP/Flex.
Bracket Play – Straight 9 or 10 and option to use the DP/Flex. Option to use 1 EP.
(Read Rule 4 for more in-depth information.)
- Run Rule:** The game will be immediately over if one team is ahead by 15 Runs After 3 Innings, 12 Runs After 4 Innings or 8 Runs After 5 Innings
- Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or the catcher at any time.
Pool Play – Any player may be used. If this player is on base when it is their turn to bat, the player who they are courtesy running for will be called out and the player must take their turn at bat.
Bracket Play – Any player who has not yet entered the game is eligible to be a courtesy runner.
- Home Team:** Home team is determined by a coin flip by the umpires for Pool Play. The higher seed will have their choice of Home or Away for Bracket Play.
- Dugouts:** Team listed 1st (or on the top) is assigned the 1st base dugout. Team listed 2nd (or on the bottom) is assigned the 3rd base dugout. *Unless the team is playing back-to-back on the same field, they do not have to move dugouts.
- Extra Game:** For the team playing 4 games in Pool Play, at the conclusion of Pool play, come to the tournament desk and the TD will have you randomly select which game number to not count toward your standings.
- Coaches:** Only background checked coaches may be on the field or in the dugout. If a coach is ejected for a game, they automatically sit out the next game played.
- Protests:** Playing rule protests must be made prior to the next pitch. Game must stop and the Site Director must be summoned. Site Director/UIC Decision is final. No protest fee.
- Alcohol:** There is no alcohol or tobacco products permitted. There are no exceptions to this rule. Any team or participant in violation of this rule will be subject to immediate penalty.
- Conduct:** Team Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches and spectators. Any team or participant in violation of the USA Softball Code of Conduct will be subject to immediate penalty.