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of Mississippi

*South State
Tournament*

2022

Tournament Checklist

There will not be a coaches meeting. Teams should arrive at the complex with sufficient time to allow 15 minutes for player check-in. Address to the field is 4300 Hewes Av, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39507. Each player must sign-in before they can play. The items listed below are required at check-in. Items should be neat and well organized to allow rapid review of each player's credentials.

Required Documentation:

- USA Softball Championship Roster & Waiver Liability
- Birth Certificate for Each Player
(copies are fine)
- Recent photo of Each Player
- ACE Coaches Certification Card or receipt for training

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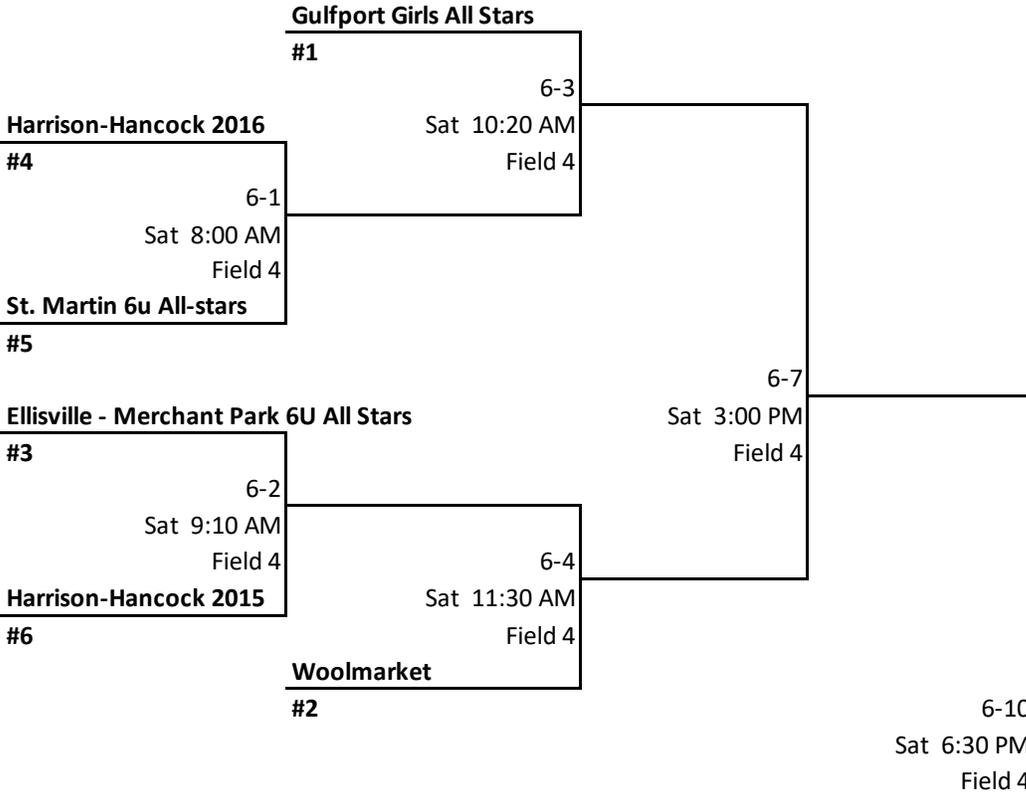


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Tee Ball

FORMAT: DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Winner's Bracket



Each team will be permitted one (1) cooler for the players. Otherwise outside food or drinks are not permitted.

Loser's Bracket



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Coach Pitch

FORMAT: TWO POOL TO DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Pool Schedule

Pool A

Game	Time	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	Field
8-1P	Fri 3:30 PM	Sluggers		Harrison-Hancock		Field 1
8-2P	Fri 4:40 PM	East Central		Harrison-Hancock		Field 1
8-3P	Fri 7:00 PM	East Central		Sluggers		Field 1

Pool B

Game	Time	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	Field
8-4P	Fri 4:00 PM	St Martin		Gulfport		Field 2
8-5P	Fri 5:50 PM	Oak Grove		St Martin		Field 1
8-6P	Fri 8:10 PM	Oak Grove		Gulfport		Field 1

Pool C

Game	Time	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	Field
8-7P	Fri 4:00 PM	Vancleave		Pascagoula		Field 5
8-8P	Fri 5:10 PM	Ellisville		Ocean Springs		Field 5
8-9P	Fri 6:20 PM	W7:		W8:		Field 5
8-10P	Fri 7:30 PM	L7:		L8:		Field 5

Pool Play Seeding Procedures

At the conclusion of pool play, teams will be placed into the seeded double-elimination bracket based on pool standings. Pool standings are determined as follows:

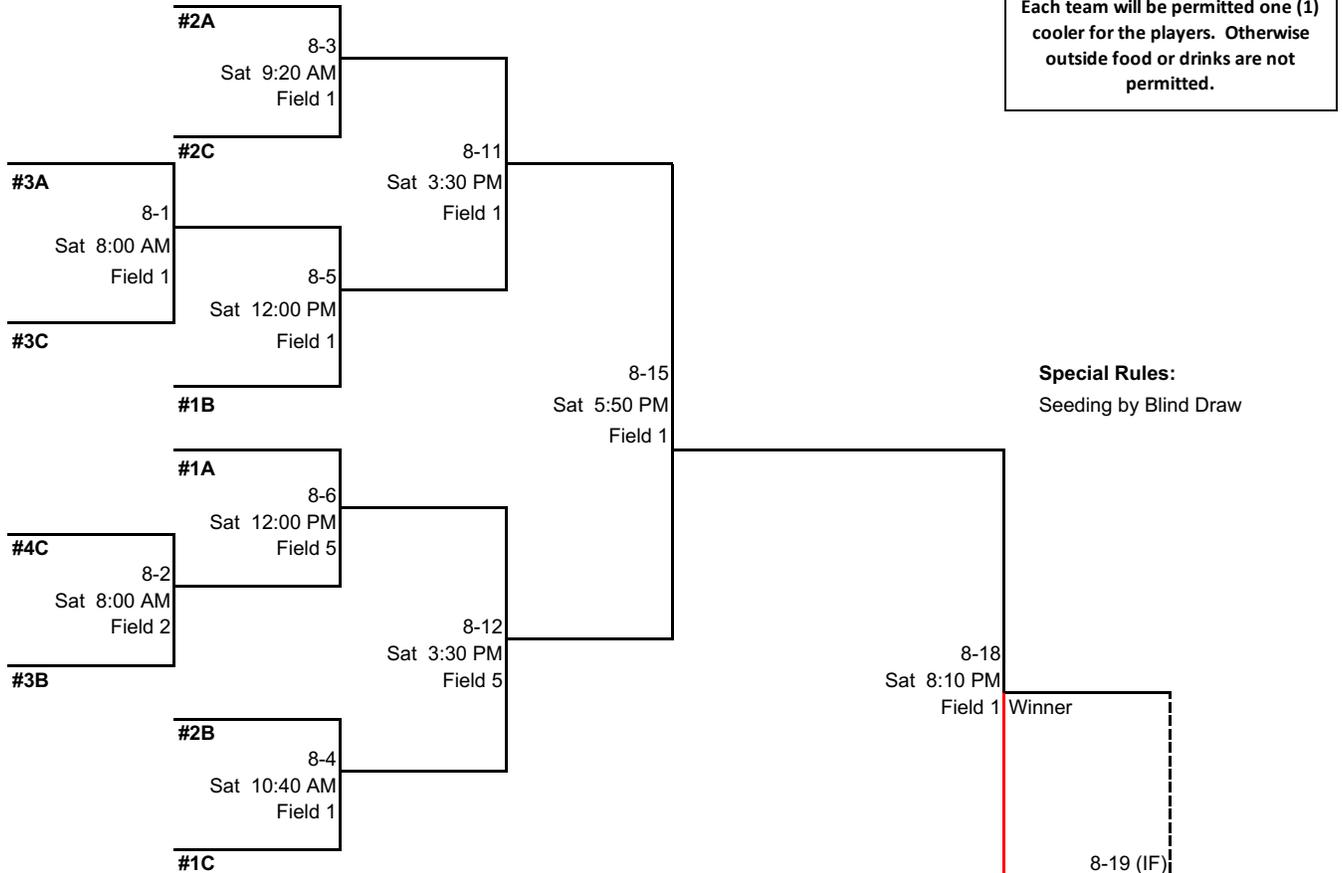
- In pools of four teams, the winners of the first games in a pool shall play each other with the winner being declared the Number 1 seed and the loser declared the Number 2 seed. The Losers of each of the first games in a pool shall play each other with the winner being declared the Number 3 seed and the loser declared the Number 4 seed.
- In pools of three teams, the teams shall play each other team in the pool once. Ties in three team pools shall be settled by:
 - o If a tie still exists, teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played.
 - o If a tie still exists, teams shall be ranked according to most runs scored per game played.
 - o If a tie still exists, there shall be a coin toss.

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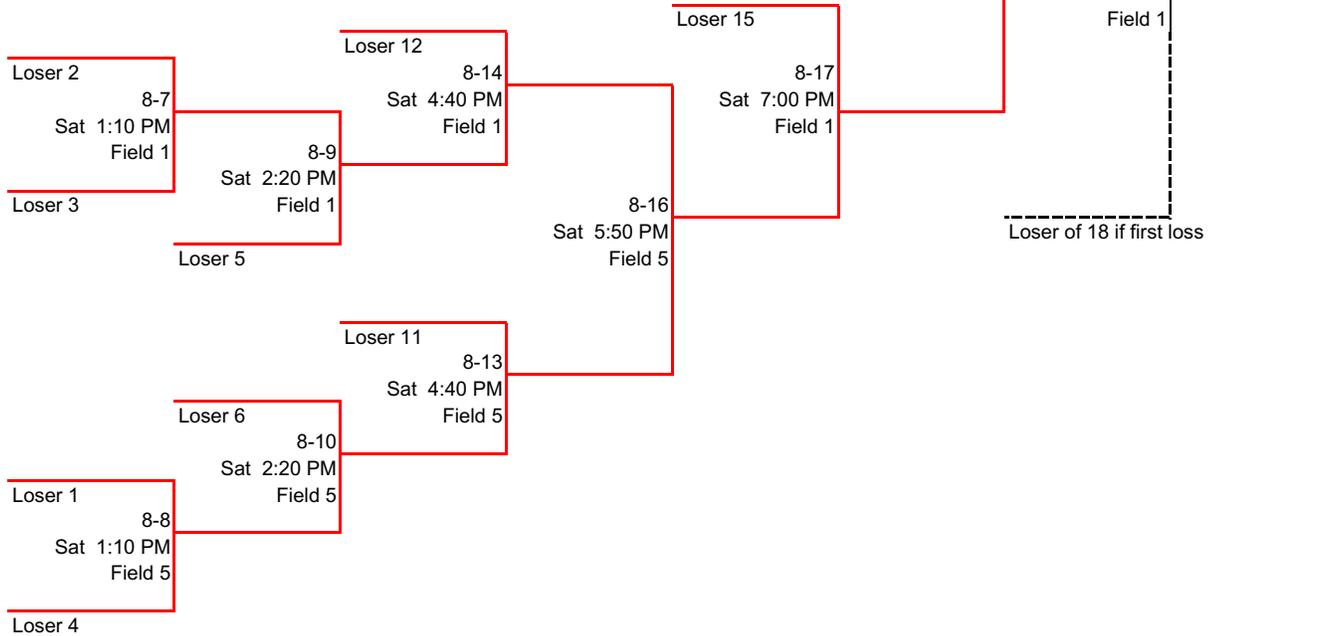
Coach Pitch



Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



2022 South State Championships 10 & Under

FORMAT: TWO POOL TO DOUBLE ELIMINATION



Pool Schedule

Pool A

Game	Time	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	Field
10-1P	Fri 5:20 PM	Vancleave		Harrison-Hancock		Field 2
10-2P	Fri 6:40 PM	Stone		Harrison-Hancock		Field 2
10-3P	Fri 8:00 PM	Vancleave		Stone		Field 2

Pool B

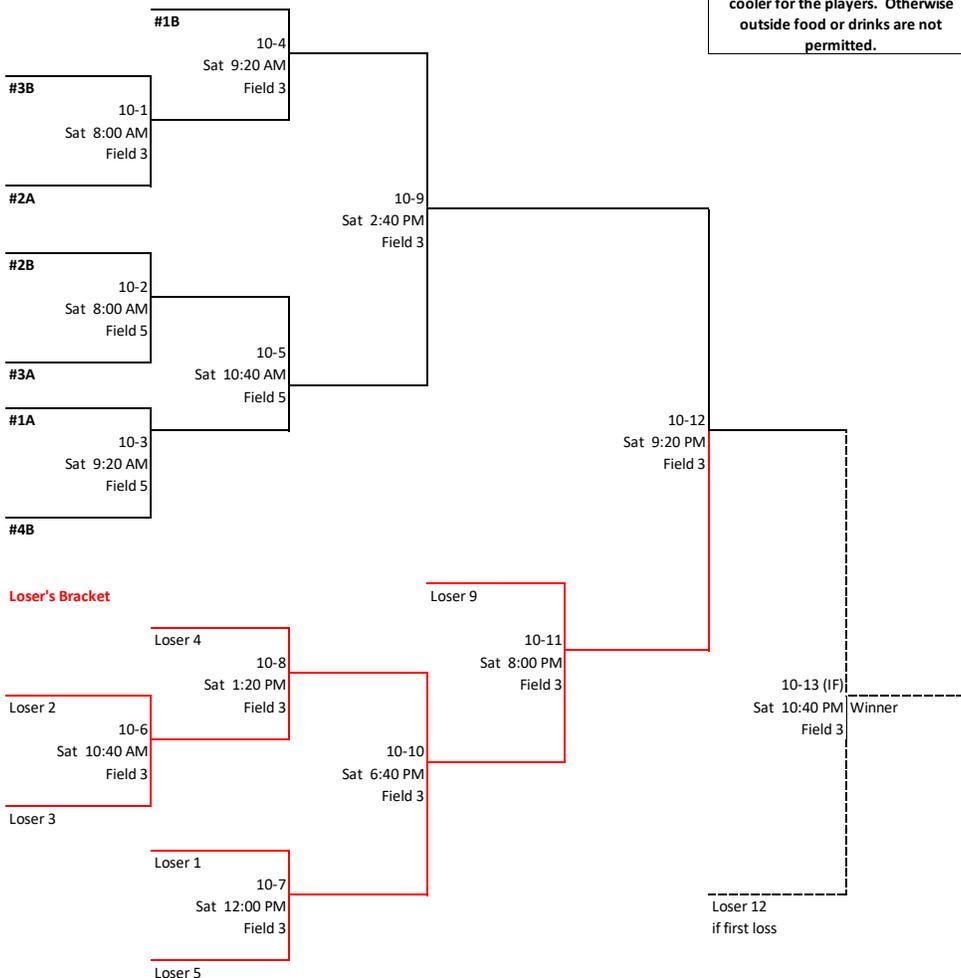
Game	Time	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	Field
10-4P	Fri 4:00 PM	Long Beach		Biloxi Thunder		Field 3
10-5P	Fri 5:20 PM	Pass Christian		Ocean Springs		Field 3
10-6P	Fri 6:40 PM	W4:		W5:		Field 3
10-7P	Fri 8:00 PM	L4:		L5:		Field 3

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Winner's Bracket



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12 & Under

FORMAT: TWO POOL TO SINGLE ELIMINATION

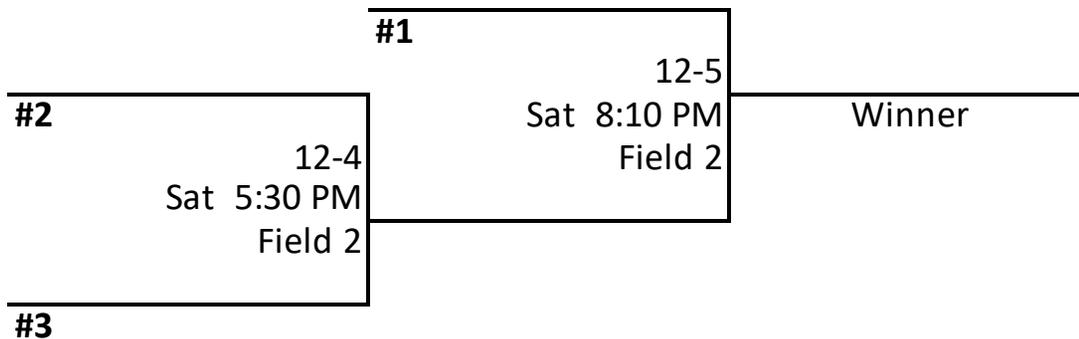


Game	Time	Team 1	Team 2	Field
12-1	Sat 9:30 AM	Biloxi Thunder	Ocean Springs	Field 2
12-2	Sat 10:50 AM	D'Iberville	Ocean Springs	Field 2
12-3	Sat 2:50 PM	D'Iberville	Biloxi Thunder	Field 2

Pool games Count -- Finish the inning.

Seeding Priority

1. Win Loss Record
2. Head to Head -
Only for 2 way ties
3. Runs Allowed
4. Runs Scored
5. Coin Flip



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2022 South State Championships 16 & Under

FORMAT: TWO POOL TO SINGLE ELIMINATION

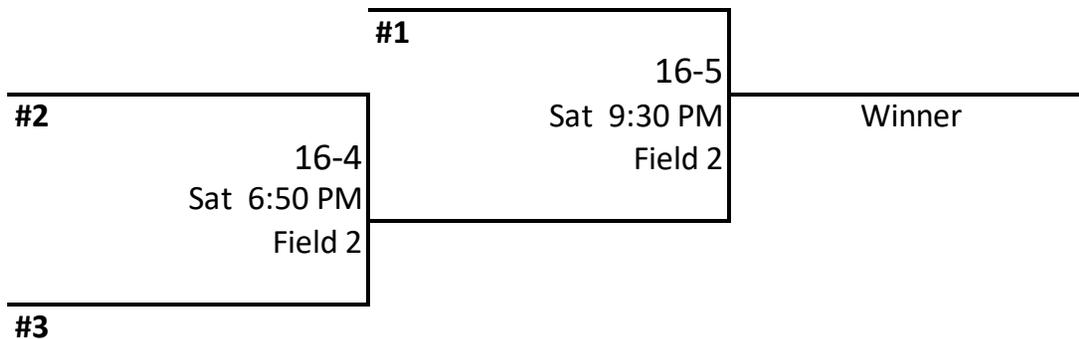


Game	Time	Team 1	Team 2	Field
16-1	Sat 12:10 PM	Biloxi Thunder	Ocean Springs	Field 2
16-2	Sat 1:30 PM	Ocean Springs	Saucier	Field 2
16-3	Sat 4:10 PM	Biloxi Thunder	Saucier	Field 2

Pool games Count -- Finish the inning.

Seeding Priority

1. Win Loss Record
2. Head to Head - Only for 2 way ties
3. Runs Allowed
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USA SOFTBALL OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

Tournament Rules



TEE BALL (6-U)

1. Tournament is USA SOFTBALL sanctioned. All players must be USA SOFTBALL Individually Registered. Players participating and not registered will be treated as ineligible players and result in game forfeiture. All umpires must be USA SOFTBALL certified. The current year USA SOFTBALL rule book will govern all play. All games shall be governed by Official Softball Rules of the Amateur Softball Association except as amended herein:
2. All safety rules and equipment as listed in the USA SOFTBALL Rule Book are mandatory for all players.
3. All ground rules will be discussed before the game. The umpire shall inform both coaches of the existing ground rules, dead ball areas and other specific rules.
4. All teams should be in similar uniforms and worn properly.
5. Eligibility. Players shall be age eligible pursuant to USA SOFTBALL National Code. Playing age shall be based on age as of Jan 1st of the current playing year.
6. Proof of age and identification must be furnished upon request. Teams must have proof of USA SOFTBALL Individual Registration and Birth Certificates available for review at the tournament.
7. Team Manager will be responsible for their players at all times. The Team Manager is also responsible for their fans.
8. Field assignments may vary according to weather conditions or at the discretion of the tournament director. Team officials are responsible for staying in contact with tournament officials in the event of inclement weather or any unforeseen incident.
9. The coin toss shall take place on the field. Home team will keep the official score book. It is the Managers responsibility to ensure agreement on an accurate score.
10. Coaches will be advised at the pre-game to have all offensive players keep their helmets on while outside the dugouts. Helmets must fit and be worn properly. If a player removes her helmet while on the field of play during a live ball situation, after being call out a warning will be issued to the coach and the specific player. If the same player removes her helmet again during the game, she will be ejected.
11. Only rostered players, two coaches, one manager, one scorekeeper and one bat person will be allowed in the dug-out. All coaches must remain in the dug-out area throughout the game.
12. **On defense, a team may place two coaches on the outfield grass for the purpose of coaching the defensive players only. The defensive coach may coach any of his defensive players in the same manner as he would coach from the dugout. If the defensive coach does not stay on the outfield grass, one would be removed from the position for the remainder of the game. If a coach is removed from the defensive coaching position, another one of the team's coaches will be allowed to become the defensive coach. All rules concerning interference or obstruction will apply to the defensive coach.**
13. **Game time is forfeit time. A game will consist of seven (7) innings or a one hour (1 hr.) time limit. No new inning shall start after fifty-five minutes (:55). Should we get ahead or behind scheduled game times due to weather or other reasons, be prepared to take the field for your games as time allows us to play them. It is the manager's responsibility to know when your games will be played.**
14. **A run rule of fifteen (15) after three (3) or ten (10) runs after five (5) innings will be used.**
15. **One-half inning will consist of three (3) outs or seven (7) runs, whichever comes first.**
16. **All rostered players on each team will be listed in the batting order. Up to eleven (11) players may play defense, thus allowing 5 outfielders. If teams have different numbers of rostered players, the team with more players may elect to play only the number of players as on the other team; then the remaining players may be substituted for the starting players. (Example: Team A has 12 rostered players and Team B has 14 rostered players- Team B may choose to play only 12 players; however, Team A must play their 12 players).**
17. **A team must have nine players to start a game. The tenth (10) batting slot WILL NOT be an out. If a player arrives late to a game, they will be added to the bottom of the line-up and will bat at the proper time.**
18. **In case of sickness or injury, the game will continue as long as each team has nine players. An out will be recorded when a player cannot take her turn at bat.**

19. **The pitcher is a fielding position only. The pitcher must stay within a 5' diameter circle "Pitcher's Circle" until the ball is hit. Infielders must play no closer to the batter than 35 feet with one player in the pitcher's position. Outfielders may be no closer than 85' from home plate at the time of the batter's swing.**
20. **The catcher must stay behind home plate and to the opposite side of the batter until the ball is hit. The catcher may not interfere with the batter. Catcher must also wear her facemask.**
21. **Two defensive coaches may be positioned in the outfield for defensive instructions only. The coach may not touch the players or enter into the infield.**
22. **One coach from the team that is batting will be responsible for adjusting the "tee" to the satisfaction of the hitter. The umpire will place the ball on the tee and call aloud "play ball". The coach is responsible for removing the tee and bat from the playing area after the ball has been hit fairly out of the catcher's circle.**
23. **The batter is allowed three swings. If the batter fails to hit a fair ball after three swings, she will be called out. It is not counted as a swing if the batter accidentally knocks the ball off of the tee while addressing the ball.**
24. **Any ball hit fairly out of the catcher's circle is a live ball.**
25. **No bunting is allowed. Penalty: The batter is out.**
26. **Runners may not advance if the ball does not travel outside the catcher's circle.**
27. **Base runners will be allowed to advance one base on an over-throw at first base. The base runners may have unlimited advancement with liability to be put out with an overthrow at any other base.**
28. **The umpire will call time when all play has ceased. Runners will not be allowed to "jockey" between bases; they must continue to the next base or return to the last base touched. When any fielder has control of the ball and the lead runner is stopped at a base, the umpire will declare the ball dead and play will stop. Any fielder may also throw the ball back to the pitcher. Time will be called whenever the ball enters the pitcher's circle. Base runners will be sent to the nearest base as of the time the ball crosses the pitcher's circle. Umpire judgment is final and will not be questioned.**
29. **Up to eleven (11) players may play defense with five (5) outfielders. If teams have different number of players, the team with more players may elect to play only the number of players as on the other team. A team must have nine players to start a game. If a player arrives late to a game, they will be added to the bottom of the line up and will bat at the proper time.**
30. **In case of sickness or injury, the game will continue as long as each team has nine players. An out will be recorded when a player cannot take her turn at bat.**
31. **There will be NO INFIELD FLY RULE. Base stealing will not be allowed.**
32. **The on-deck batter shall take a position within the lines of the on-deck circle nearest the offensive team bench. If no circle exists, the on-deck batter will warmup at a safe distance from the batter's box. Neither team's players shall warm up in the other team's on-deck circle.**
33. **Coaches shall refrain from recruiting players while at the tournament. Coaches violating restriction may be asked to leave the premises.**
34. **No alcoholic beverages will be allowed inside the complex and no tobacco products allowed inside the playing area or dug-outs. Persons under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs will be requested to leave the premises. Failure to depart promptly may result in being escorted off the premises or possibly team forfeiture.**
35. **NO JEWELRY WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE WORN. No jewelry will be allowed to be worn. All other safety equipment rules will apply as per current USA SOFTBALL playing rule book.**
36. **Once the game is officially started, the umpire will have full control. No protest will be accepted on judgment calls. Official protest must be submitted to the umpire who in turn will notify the official scorekeeper and will be reviewed by the tournament protest committee. There will be a \$50.00 protest fee which will be refunded if the protest is valid. Protests will be handled in accordance with Rule 9, Sections 1 -7.**
37. **Players and Coaches will participate in this tournament at their own risk. The USA Softball organization, USA Softball District Commissioner, or local league will not be held liable for any injuries or mishaps incurred while participating in this tournament.**
38. **These rules may be interpreted and/or modified at the sole discretion of the USA Softball District Commissioner or District Umpire-In-Chief to clarify confusion or promote the safety and well-being of the Players, Coaches and fans.**

1. All games shall be governed by USA Softball Official Rules except as amended herein:
2. All rostered players on each team will be listed in the batting order. Any eleven (11) players may play defense, thus allowing 5 outfielders. If teams have different numbers of rostered players, the team with more players may elect to play only the number of players as on the other team; then the remaining players may be substituted for the starting players. (Example: Team A has 12 rostered players and Team B has 14 rostered players- Team B may choose to play only 12 players; however Team A must play their 12 players).
3. A team must have nine players to start a game. The tenth (10) batting slot WILL NOT be an out. If a player arrives late to a game, they will be added to the bottom of the line up and will bat at the proper time.
4. In case of sickness or injury, the game will continue as long as each team has nine players. An out will be recorded when a player cannot take her turn at bat.
5. Each batter will receive up to five (5) pitches. A missed third swing or no swing on the fifth pitch will result in an out. If a batter fouls the ball on the fifth (5th) pitch, the batter will be granted another pitch. The batter will continue to bat until one of the following occurs: (1) puts a ball in play, (2) swings and misses completely, or (3) does not swing at all. No WALKS and no bunting (a bunted ball will be handled as a foul ball).
6. A coach will pitch to his own team from a distance of 35 feet and must keep in contact with the pitching rubber when the pitch is released. Failure to do so is an illegal pitch and a strike will be called on the batter. If a batted ball hits the pitching coach, the ball is dead and pitch replayed. If the umpire rules the pitching coach interferes with the batted ball intentionally, the batter is out and no runners can advance. If the pitching coach interferes in a defensive play, the ball is dead and the runner being played on will be declared out and all runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the interference.
7. The pitch may be without an arch, but with moderate speed. Pitches of excessive speed will result in a warning to the pitching coach. A second warning of pitches of excessive speed will result in the removal of the pitching coach from the pitching position.
8. The pitching coach must attempt to leave the field and try to pick up the batter's bat once the batter hits.
9. On defense, a team may place one coach on the outfield grass for the purpose of coaching the defensive players only. The defensive coach may coach any of his defensive players in the same manner as he would coach from the dugout. If the defensive coach does not stay on the outfield grass, one would be removed from the position for the remainder of the game. If a coach is removed from the defensive coaching position, another one of the team's coaches will be allowed to become the defensive coach. All rules concerning interference or obstruction will apply to the defensive coach.
10. The umpire will call time once the defensive team or the offensive coach has stopped the progress of the lead runner. Runners will not be allowed to "jockey" between bases; they must continue to the next base or return to the last base touched. Umpire judgment is final and will not be questioned.
11. There will be NO INFIELD FLY RULE. Base stealing will not be allowed.
12. A game will consist of seven (7) innings or a one hour (1 hr.) time limit. A run rule of fifteen (15) after three (3) innings or ten (10) runs after five (5) innings will be used.
13. A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning. The game is over, when the opposing team is mathematically eliminated from scoring enough runs to win or tie the game.
14. Official approved USA SOFTBALL 11" softballs and USA SOFTBALL approved softball bats must be used.
15. Official base distance will be 60 feet.
16. Infielders must play no closer to the batter than 35 feet with one player in the pitcher's position. All outfielders must be off the infield area (on the grass) when the pitch is released.
17. When the pitch is released, the team player pitcher must be within 3 feet to the left or right or rear of the pitching rubber, not in front of the pitching rubber.
18. All safety rules and equipment as listed in the USA SOFTBALL Rule Book are mandatory for all players.
19. All catchers must be in full protective gear to include catcher's mask (hockey goalie mask is approved), shin guards with knee caps protection and body protector.
20. The catcher must be in the catcher's box at the start of the pitch.
21. Teams must play in the North or South State Tournament in order to play in the Gold, Silver or Bronze Overall State Tournaments- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
22. Teams will be classified Gold or Silver based on their participation in the North or South State.
23. All teams that qualify to advance to the next tournament level should pay the tournament entry fee before leaving this tournament. See your Tournament Director.



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FAST PITCH

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3. All ground rules will be discussed before the game. The umpire shall inform both coaches of the existing ground rules, dead ball areas and other specific rules.
4. All teams should be in similar uniforms and worn properly.
5. Eligibility. Players shall be age eligible pursuant to USA SOFTBALL National Code. Playing age shall be based on age as of Jan 1st of the current playing year.
 - a. Age groups are 14U, 16U and High School. High School playing age shall be 18U.
 - b. Players who participate on an intercollegiate softball team at a two or four year college or university are NOT eligible to participate.
6. Proof of age and identification must be furnished upon request. Teams must have proof of USA SOFTBALL Individual Registration and Birth Certificates available for review at the tournament.
7. Team Manager will be responsible for their players at all times. The Team Manager is also responsible for their fans.
8. Field assignments may vary according to weather conditions or at the discretion of the tournament director. Team officials are responsible for staying in contact with tournament officials in the event of inclement weather or any unforeseen incident.
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11. Only rostered players, coaches, one manager, one scorekeeper and one bat person will be allowed in the dug-out. All coaches must remain in the dug-out area throughout the game. While on offense, two coaches will be allowed on the field at first and third base coaches boxes. **While on defense, only one coach will be allowed out of the dugout.**
12. Game time is forfeit time. Game time limit of one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15hr). All age groups shall not start a new inning after one hour and ten minutes. Should we get ahead or behind scheduled game times due to weather or other reasons, be prepared to take the field for your games as time allows us to play them. It is the manager's responsibility to know when your games will be played.
13. A five inning 8 run rule, a four inning 12 run rule and a three inning 15 run rule will be used throughout the tournament.
14. **Extra Player: Teams will be allowed to bat one extra hitter. The extra player will allow ten (10) players to bat. The extra hitter is a permanent addition to the batting lineup.**

An out will be recorded if player cannot take their turn at bat in case of injury. In case of disqualification, the team shall forfeit the game if no substitute is available. The DP/Flex rule still applies.

15. **Courtesy Runners for the Pitcher or Catcher are allowed. If a team does not have any available substitutes, the last recorded out may used as a Courtesy Runner. The same player cannot be a Courtesy Runner for both the pitcher and catcher in the same half inning; it would go to the next recorded out that is not the pitcher or catcher. Use of an incorrect substitute shall constitute an illegal substitute; the runner will be out if discovered at any time while the illegal substitute Courtesy Runner is on the field. Any play or out recorded previously will stand.**
16. **The on-deck batter shall take a position within the lines of the on-deck circle nearest the offensive team bench. If no circle exists, the on-deck batter will warmup at a safe distance from the batter's box. Neither team's players shall warm up in the other team's on-deck circle.**
17. **Steel spikes are allowed in the 14-U, 16-U and 18-U divisions. Age groups 12-U and below CANNOT wear steel spikes.**
18. Coaches shall refrain from recruiting players while at the tournament. Coaches violating restriction may be asked to leave the premises.
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(OFFICIAL ROSTER) USA SOFTBALL OFFICIAL WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION FORM

20_____ USA OFFICIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER _____

Team Name _____

City & State _____

Division & Classification of Championship Play _____

1. Each player should read the statement on opposite side before completing and signing this roster. 2. Parents/Guardians signature should be on the same numbered line below as the player's name. 3. Players are subject to the USA Softball Drug Control Procedures and Policies as provided in the USA Softball Code. 4. By initialing in the column below, you acknowledge you have read & understand the liability waiver & player affidavit information on the reverse side. 5. **NOTE: Team accident insurance is not provided for USA Softball National Championship play. USA Softball has made available the voluntary purchase of team accident insurance. See your USA Softball Commissioner for information.**

PRINT OR TYPE PLAYER'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLAYER or PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	BONAFIDE RESIDENCE (Street, City, State, Zip)	INITIALS
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TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT- I am the manager of the above mentioned team & after receiving the USA Softball Official Rules, & after being duly sworn, depose, & say that all the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge & that all the players signed the above in their handwriting & they are eligible to compete with my team in the championship play of the USA Softball & agree to be bound by the rules of USA Softball as contained in the USA Softball Code & USA Softball Official Rules.

Manager's Name (Print) _____
Manager's Signature _____
Manager's Address (Print) _____
City _____
State & Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Office _____
Cell Phone _____

USA SOFTBALL COMMISSIONER STATEMENT-

ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS ROSTER IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

Signature of USA Softball Local Association Commissioner or Designee

USA Softball Local Association & Region Number _____ Date _____

Signature of USA Softball Deputy/District Commissioner



OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER LIABILITY WAIVER

I, the signed player or the parent or legal guardian of a minor player named on this roster, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1.) Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated below. 2.) I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants in addition to the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. Further, I agree that in consideration for right to play as a member of the team designated below and in consideration for permission to play on the field arranged for by the team or league: 1.) I voluntarily elect or accept and solely assume all risk of damages, injury, including death, incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member or observer during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premise of any and all of the fields arranged for by my team or league for practice or play. 2.) I release, discharge and agree not to sue the team and/or league designated below or any owner or leasee of fields on which softball is played or practiced by my team or the USA Softball, or their owners, officers, umpires, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or the USA Softball for any claim, damages, cost or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including, but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of these parties hereby released. I further agree that I shall hold harmless and fully indemnify the parties hereby released from any claims, damages, costs including attorney fees, and cause of action which may arise from any claim or cause of action made by me, through me or on my behalf even if the damages, injuries or death are caused in whole or in part by any of the parties or entities hereby released, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS IN THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

PLAYER AFFIDAVIT

EACH PLAYER SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING AND SIGNING INVERSE PAGE. I have received the USA Softball Official Rules of Softball and I understand and agree to be bound by the rules of USA Softball. I am a member in good standing of this softball team and I am eligible to compete with this team in the championship play of the USA Softball. I understand that I may play on only one team within a division during the season in USA Softball championship play and this is the team which I have elected to play for this season. I understand and agree that USA Softball has the right to take permanent possession of a bat that has been determined to be altered. In consideration of my being permitted to compete, I hereby give permission to the USA Softball and its local associations to use in any and all publications that they may desire, all pictures taken of the undersigned in their publicizing the game of softball. I hereby subscribe my name in the column for signatures and by doing so certify that I have read this statement and that information supplied on this roster is correct to the best of my knowledge.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AFFIDAVIT

IF PLAYER IS A MINOR, HIS OR HER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ROSTER ON INVERSE PAGE. NOTE: FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS, VERIFICATIONS OF BIRTH DATE FOR EACH PLAYER MUST BE ATTACHED (i.e., Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate or Hospital Certificate maybe used.) Legible photocopies will be accepted.

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE TEAM MANAGER, INDICATED ON INVERSE PAGE, TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE MINOR PLAYERS WHICH I AM EITHER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN THE EVENT THAT I AM NOT AVAILABLE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT IS REQUIRED. On behalf of the minor player, I hereby incorporate by reference and agree to comply with the policies stated in the affidavit. I also hereby give permission to the USA Softball and its local associations to use in any and all publications that they may desire, all pictures taken of the minor player in their publicizing the game of softball. I hereby subscribe my name in the column for signatures and by doing so certify that I have read this statement and that information supplied on this roster is correct to the best of my knowledge.

USA SOFTBALL OF MISSISSIPPI
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

- 1 A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic or any other cause that places the players or patrons in peril.
- 2 Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.
- 3 In the event the tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled time frame the following procedures shall be used to break ties among teams in the same spot in the bracket:
 - a) **Head to head competition**
 - b) **The team that advanced the farthest in the winner's bracket**
 - c) **Won-loss records, except among undefeated teams.**
 - d) **If only two teams are tied for a position and have played each other, the winner of that game.**

EXCEPTION: If there are only two teams remaining and each team has one loss, the championship must be played or the teams shall be declared co-champions.

 - e) **The teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played**
 - f) **If a tie still exists, by a coin toss.**
 - g) **At any time during the tournament the sole discretion of the Tournament Director, abbreviated procedures may be initiated to allow the tournament to continue to completion.**
- 4 It is the responsibility of the manager/coach to confirm all scheduled game times with the Tournament Director. The official tournament bracket will be posted at the press box/concession stand. Game time is forfeit time.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: TOM STANLEY

Please check <https://www.facebook.com/USASoftballSouthMS/> for game updates.



USA Softball of South Mississippi

Zero Tolerance Policy

Effective 4/27/2022

USA Softball of South Mississippi is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all participants. Respect for the game, the opponents, coaches and officials is a critical part of the environment that is created. USA Softball of South Mississippi implements this “zero tolerance” policy toward any cases of abuse that are reported and confirmed by umpires, parents, spectators, managers/coaches or board members. This policy is effective immediately.

Abuse at its simplest is defined as any deliberate action that makes an individual feel physically threatened, verbally intimidated or emotionally humiliated. Disrespectfully objecting to calls, yelling at, publicly calling, constantly disagreeing with an umpire by action or verbally can be deemed umpire abuse. Coaches should always show decorum, respect and observe all game rules whenever questioning an umpire about a call. Parents/fans are expected to be a positive role model by treating all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support. Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times.

The penalties for coaches, parents and/or fans with any confirmed case of umpire abuse will be:

- **1st incident** - Umpire may give warning or take any other appropriate action, including reporting the incident to the League President, Umpire-In-Chief, and District Commissioner.
- **2nd incident** – Two (2) game suspension for a coach regardless of past history, coaching experience or program involvement. This suspension will be IN ADDITION to any suspension due to an ejection from a game, before returning, coach must take coach development course(s) as the league and League President deems appropriate. Threats of future physical action, e.g. parking lot meetings, are automatic two (2) game suspensions.
- **3rd incident** – A lifetime ban from coaching any USA Softball of South Mississippi team or program.
- Any incident that involves physical abuse by bodily threatening, shoving, bumping or harming an umpire or anyone will result in an immediate indefinite suspension and notification of proper authorities.
- In addition, if a coach confronts an umpire after a game in order to continue verbally abusing an umpire, these penalties will be increased to 3 games for the 1st and 6 games for the 2nd incident.

Ejections require an investigation to determine if further penalties should be considered. Complaints may also originate from anyone threatened or with direct knowledge of the incident. A manager or coach wishing to be reinstated will have to appear before the USA Softball of South Mississippi Coaches Review Board for a hearing. Each league shall honor the suspensions and disciplinary actions of the other member leagues.

Managers and coaches are expected to lead by example, and enforce these policies where necessary. For example, if a parent/spectator is making comments on umpire calls, the manager and/or coach should ask them to refrain. The above penalties would apply to the coach that allows this behavior to occur. If it continues, they will be asked to leave and/or authorities may be called.

Zero Tolerance Policy Concerning Other Teams and Players

Managers, coaches, players and parents should demonstrate good sportsmanship toward other teams and players. Managers and coaches are the role models for players and parents and should make every effort to be friendly and cordial before, during and after games. Good plays should be applauded by both sides. No razzing or “Hey, batter batter”, chatter towards the other team is permitted. Never make negative remarks about players on either team. Examples of such behavior can include things such as saying, loud enough to be heard, “he can’t hit,” “pitchers can’t pitch”, calling attention to miscue by player, sarcasm, etc. This is unacceptable by anyone - managers, coaches, players, parents or spectators.