

# WNSL Tune Up Softball Tournament

## General Information for All Age Groups

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**Coach Check-in** → **Each Team must present an “Official Roster” and Insurance before their first game.** Please turn this information in at Check-In Area at the tan pavillon area near the parking lot.

**Batting Cage Rules** → There is one batting at Green Hills Park. Cages are on a first come, first served basis but we ask teams to work with others that desire some swings. Players **MUST** wear helmets when in the cage. There is a strict **NO METAL CLEATS** policy in all cages!!

### **General Information:**

- **Format: 10U Tournament will be double elimination with the exception of the championship game. The championship game will be “Winner Take All” (No second game will be played if the team coming up from the loser’s bracket wins the game.)**
- Teams must be prepared to play 30 minutes before game times in case games are ahead of schedule.
- Please check schedule frequently and watch your fields closely.
- WNSL will provide game balls.
- **Bats must be ASA or USA Softball bat stamp. No USSSA bats are allowed.**
- Courtesy Runner allowed for catcher only. Must use sub or last batted out.
- Protests are only allowed for: (1) rules infractions, or (2) an ineligible player. For a rule that may have been improperly applied, protest must be prior to next live ball. Game will be halted until protest is resolved. Decision of Tournament Rules Committee, in consultation of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth rules will be final. For an ineligible player, protest must be in writing and accompanied by the protest fee of \$1,000. Money refunded if protest is won.
- Home Team will keep the Official Book.
- Coin Toss before each game determines home/visitor during pool play. Higher seed is home team during single elimination round. For teams with equal seeding (example: Number 2 vs. Number 2), home will be determined by coin toss. For a championship game, the team entering from the Winner’s bracket will be the home team.
- All teams are responsible for cleanup of their dugout.
- Teams must have 8 players at game time. Game time is forfeit time.
- Tie Breakers: Games that end in a tie at the time limit or 6 innings will be broken by playing a International Tie Breaker. Last player at bat is placed on 2nd base with one out.
- No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Failure to comply may result in individuals or team being removed from the tournament.

- Pitching Logs will be maintained by the Tournament Director. Scorecards will be presented to the Coaches after each game and must be signed for verification. Umpires will have the Scorecard.
- Babe Ruth Softball Tournament Pitching rules will be in effect. Umpires will record the official innings pitched.
- Pets must be on a leash in the park.
- No infield practice, batting practice, pitching from mound, or soft toss against fences are allowed on the game fields prior to or after any games.
- Tournament has been set with a 3-game guarantee, weather permitting. If tournament must be shortened due to weather, we will do our best to play the games and extend the tournament within reason. Team entry fee refunds will not be given once two games are played by the team. If less than 2 games are played then team entry refunds will be prorated fairly.
- Rainout Information provided on [www.wnsl.org](http://www.wnsl.org), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and an email to Coaches time permitting.
- Medallions will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.

Any rules not covered will revert to the Babe Ruth Softball official rule book.

## Special Rules for Specific Age Groups—

### 8U Age Group

- Babe Ruth Softball Rules Apply with some exceptions below to keep games moving.
- Team composition shall consist of nine (9) players as follows: Pitcher, her, Catcher, 1st Baseman, 2nd Baseman, 3rd Baseman, Shortstop, Leftfielder, Centerfielder, and Rightfielder.
- The Coach will be allowed to give the batter instructions. The Coach pitcher must start with both feet on the 32 ft. rubber. The Coach pitcher must make an attempt to get out of the defensive player's way when fielding or throwing.
- Batting – Teams will place all players present in the batting order with free substitution on defense.
- Games shall last six innings or will be played in a time in which no new inning starts after 90 minutes. A new inning starts the instant the final out of the previous inning is recorded.
- Run Rule--20 run rule after 2 innings, 15-runs after 3 innings, or 10 runs after 4 innings.
- There will be a five (5) runs per inning limit with an open 6th inning.
- Each batter may receive a maximum of five pitches. If the batter strikes out, or if the ball has not been hit into play after five pitches the batter is out. If the batter fouls the 5th pitch, the batter will receive pitches as long as batter continues to foul the pitch.
- No stealing
- No dropped third strike.
- The umpire will declare time when the defensive team stops the lead runner or the runner abandons the effort to advance.
- The infield fly rule is NOT in effect
- Pitcher and corner infielders (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base) must wear protective masks. Masks are strongly encouraged for all infielders.
- The player in the catchers position must be in full gear.

## 10U Age Group

- Babe Ruth Softball Rules Apply with exceptions below
- 55 foot bases and pitching 35 foot
- There will be 9 players in the field: Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Baseman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baseman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baseman, Short Stop, Rightfielder, Centerfielder and Leftfielder.
- Batting – Teams will place all players present in the batting order with free substitution on defense.
- Game length is 6 innings or will be played in a time in which no new inning starts after 90 minutes. New inning begins the instant third out of the previous inning is made.
- 7 run maximum per half inning.
- Run Rule--20 run rule after 2 innings, 15-runs after 3 innings, or 10 runs after 4 innings.
- Stealing is allowed. Runners that leave early (before the ball is released from the pitcher's hand) will be called out.
- Batter may not advance to first on a dropped 3rd strike.
- Infield Fly Rule is in effect
- A 10U pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in no more than nine (9) innings in any two successive games. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning that pitcher shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
- Pitcher and corner infielders (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base) must wear protective masks. Masks are strongly encouraged for all infielders.
- The player in the catchers position must be in full gear.

