



2009 Cool Breeze Tournament Rules

1. ASA fast pitch softball rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated herein.
2. Each team must present proof of insurance and team roster one hour before its first game. Check in is at Robb Field Only. Verification of age will be made by presenting the following:
 - a. ASA photo ID ***OR***
 - b. Copy of birth certificate or other legal proof of age (cutoff date is January 1).
 - c. Player registration card
 - d. Photograph
3. Rosters will be limited to 15 players. Field limited to 9 players, 10 for 8u (optional).
4. Pitching distances:
Division I 8 & Under 30 feet
Division II 10 & Under 35 feet
Division III 12 & Under 40 feet
Division IV 14 & Under 40 Feet
5. Bases will be 60 feet for all divisions.
6. Home team will be determined by toss of a coin prior to game time. A representative from each team must be present. The umpire will toss the coin. The team coming from the furthest away will call the coin in the air.
7. Home team will be the Official Scorekeeper. The scorekeeper shall be a representative of the home team who is not a Manager or coach and will keep the score outside of the fenced field area and will be near the umpire on the opposite side of the fence. An official scorekeeper is not to make mention of any player batting out of order unless the umpire requests the information.
8. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. (7-0 score), with the exception of field logistics at the discretion of the UIC.
9. In Pool Play, No new inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes and Drop Dead time will be enforced at 1 hour 45 minutes. In Bracket Play, No new inning after 1 hour 20 minutes and there is no drop dead time. There will be no time limit in the Championship Games. Championship game cannot end in a tie.
10. Pool Play: The international tie breaker rule will be in effect after 7 innings (6 innings for 8u). The international tie breaker rule will be in effect until there is a winner or the drop dead time limit is reached, in which case the game will revert to a tie.
Bracket Play: The international tie breaker will be in effect after regulation time in the Semi-Final and Final games.

11. Run limit: 6 runs per inning. The last inning will be an open inning and will be declared open by the umpire only. No inning will be declared "open" before 1 hour of play.
12. Run Differential: Forfeits will be Scored 7-0, Max. Differential is 7
13. The Mercy Rule will be in effect and the game terminated when one team is 15 or more runs ahead after 3 innings or the Home team is ahead 10 or more runs after 4 1/2 innings or Visitors are ahead 10 or more runs after 5 innings.
14. Hot Plate and Dropped Third Strike will be in effect in all divisions except Division I (8 & Under).
15. Tournament will provide game balls:
 - Division I 8 & Under 10 inch ball. (RIF)
 - Division II 10 & Under 11 inch ball. (RIF)
 - Division III 12 & Under 12 inch ball.
 - Division IV 14 & Under 12 inch ball.
16. No infield practice is permitted at anytime on any tournament used field. Warm up is permitted at the foul ball territory of each team's appropriate side unless otherwise designated.
17. Modified rules for Division I (8 & Under Only):
 - a. No infield fly rule.
 - b. No hot plate/dropped 3rd strike rule.
 - c. Only 1 stolen base per base runner per pitched ball.
 - d. Players cannot steal home.
 - e. 8U play 10 in the field, and bat around.
 - f. 8U all outfielders must be on the grass or behind the chalk line.
 - g. 6 runs per inning limit.
 - h. Last inning is an open inning. (6th inning for 8u.)
18. Protests* will be handled by the Umpire-In-Chief and finalized on the field at the time of the protest. (*a \$100 deposit is required to file a protest, which is refunded if protest is upheld, and not refunded if the protest is not upheld.)
19. In pool play and bracket play, team listed 1st on schedule will occupy 3rd base dugout. In the event of back to back games teams will not have to switch dugouts.
20. Playoffs are single elimination with the top 2 teams in each pool advancing to the playoffs.
21. Tie breaker in pool standings will be:
 - a. 2 Way Tie Same Pool
 1. Head to Head
 2. Total Run Differential
 3. Least Runs Allowed
 4. Most Runs Scored
 5. Coin Toss
 - b. 3 Way Tie
 1. Total Run Differential
 2. Least Runs Allowed
 3. Most Runs Scored
 4. Coin Toss
22. Please leave dugouts clean and leave promptly after your game as we all want to keep on schedule.

23. During POOL PLAY ONLY, teams (8u, 10u, 12u and 14u) have the option of utilizing bat-around (everyone bats). If this option is utilized, there will be free and unlimited defensive substitutions, BUT you will not be allowed to use a DP, FLEX player. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher only.
24. During 8U Semi Finals and Finals teams may bat-around or play 10/bat 10.
25. The umpire provides the official record of the game. Make sure to confirm the score with the umpire at the end of each game. Game scores to be turned in by the umpire immediately after the game. Once a game score is initialed by the manager the score is final and cannot be changed. If a manager fails to initial the game card upon the umpire's request then the umpire will initial the game card as such and the umpire's score will be final unless a proper protest is made at that exact time on the field.

ALL LOUD ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKING DEVICES SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ON OR NEAR ANY PLAYING FIELD.

The following definitions and guidelines shall be used for purpose of this rule.

LOUD: Audibly abusive to the average person. Note: This will be the sole judgment of the tournament spectator or his/her representative.

ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKING DEVICE: Any instrument or combination of materials that are not part of the human body.

Examples of disallowed noises or devices:

1. Negative verbal words
2. Words of discouragement
3. Air horns
4. Plastic trumpets
5. Cans filled with rocks, coins or any other objects
6. Foot stomping on bleachers
7. Fence shaking

Examples of allowed noises:

1. Positive verbal words
2. Words of encouragement
3. Hand clapping
4. Whistling without use of artificial device

Any unsportsmanlike play, comments, attitude between players, managers, coaches of opposing teams, or the same team will not be permitted and is immediate grounds for removal of that individual(s) from the field of play, dugout, bleacher, and surrounding fence area of that playing field. A second negative action as stated above will result in a forfeit of one or both teams at the discretion of the game umpire, the Umpire in Chief or his designated agent. *Any violation of the above by a parent or fan will result in the immediate removal of the team's manager at discretion of the game umpire or the UIC.**

**GOOD LUCK, AND ENJOY THE
COOL BREEZE!**