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USA Softball of Arizona modified Rules for all AZ Invitational tournaments, book rule applies for all other Rules:

10U Thru 18U divisions: **4-Game Guarantee Format** / 3 Pool Games plus Single Elimination / these rules are designed for this particular format, other formats may have altered modified rules.

ROSTERS: All 9 Stars Rosters/USA Rosters must be turned in prior to first game of the day prior to plate meeting. A team may not add a player to the Roster once the plate meeting has started. Roster are considered Frozen when the first plate meeting of the event starts.

SKILL LEVEL: Any skill level can play in a 10U thru 18U invitational tournament.

NEW! BATTING ORDER & COURTESY RUNNER: May bat entire team for Pool Games and Bracket Games. When batting entire lineup the Courtesy Runner for pitcher or catcher will be the last batted out. Players not in the batting lineup at start of game will be the Courtesy Runner for Pitcher or Catcher.

NEW! GHOST BATS: Ghost bats either blue or gold will be allowed in our local USA Softball of Arizona invitational tournaments.

COIN FLIP: Will be 10 minutes prior to game time at plate meeting, coin flip determines home team.

DUGOUT ASSIGNMENT: The team listed first will occupy 1st Base dugout. If a team that is currently playing is occupying a dugout, that team will maintain that dugout.

RUN RULE: 12 after 3 innings / 10 after 4 / 8 after 5

NO HUDDLES: between foul lines on playing field, using speed up rules due to time limit.

BETWEEN INNINGS: 1-minute or three pitches whichever comes first, hustle in and hustle out.

TIME OUTS: We will allow 30 seconds for all timeouts.

ONE COACH ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF DUGOUT WHEN ON DEFENSE: Coach will be near gate closest to home plate. Must be mobile, no chairs, buckets nor any other item to sit on.

POOL SEEDING are determined first by record, if tied then head-to-head (if 3 or more teams tie in a pool play the goes straight to +- total), if still tied then by RA Runs Allowed, if still tied the RS Runs Scored, if still tied then coin flip.

NO BAT WARMERS: Bat warmers are illegal according to Book Rule.

GAME TIME IS FORFIET TIME: If prior game is running late, allow the game to finish. When the game is completed, the official start time of the next game will be ten minutes after the preceding game is completed.

HEACH COACHES are responsible for the conduct of your team and fans.

ADULT EJECTIONS: 1st ejection of Adult, this person must leave the park escorted out of the park by the Site Director. All ejections; plate umpire **MUST** inform the Site Director before allowing the next pitch. Plate umpire is not to leave the field, ask someone to have the Site Director to come to the backstop. 1st ejection this Adult must leave the park and is not allowed to come back into the park the next game. 2nd ejection by same Adult, this person is disallowed in the park for the remainder of the tournament.

PLAYER EJECTIONS: Player will be confined to dugout but same penalty as above. 1st ejection cannot participate in next game, 2nd ejection cannot play for remainder of the tournament.

PROTEST FEE \$60 Cash only! A protest must be verbally explained to the plate umpire by the head coach only and not the assistant coach. Plate umpire will ask for the Site Director to hear protest. \$60 Protest Fee must be given to the Site Director then will hear the nature of the Protest. Judgment calls cannot be protested, clock will continue to run during all protest. Clock may stop only if the Site Director sees it necessary. If the coach lodging the protest wins, the money will given back immediately. If the coach loses the protest the money will be forfeited to the Site Director. After the game is over the Site Director will give the protest fee to the Tournament Director to give to a Charity organization.

NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO SWEARING, NO VERBAL ABUSE, NO THREATENING STATEMENTS, NO DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY; This ill-behavior will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the facilities. Sorry but there is a **NO PET ORDINANCE** posted at the entrance of each gate. Please inform you families of the **NO PET ORDINANCE**.

NO FORFEITING A GAME INTENTIONALLY, NO PULLING A TEAM OFF THE FIELD: All games must be played and completed unless injury or ejection causes a short roster or ejection causes to forfeit a game.

NO JEWELRY: Everyone is aware that players are not allowed to wear jewelry during games. Tape is not allowed to cover jewelry on the ears, eyes or facial area. Jewelry is considered a safety hazard with the opposing player, please inform your players **NO JEWELRY** allowed! Only two reasons jewelry may be considered to wear; **1.** If is a religious medallion, the medallion may be considered allowable but the chain is not. The medallion may be taped to the undergarment of the player where it is not exposed. **2.** If is a medical need.

