

ASA 2011 Fall Brawl OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

<u>Team Check In</u> - All teams are required to check in at the registration desk located at the front in the main building at the center of the park. All teams are required to be registered with ASA, show id cards or turn in a paper roster and proof of insurance. Proof of a player's age must be available upon request.

<u>Coaches Passes</u> - Each team will be allowed three coaches who will sign in upon entry into the park. Coaches will receive packets containing coach passes.

<u>Gate Admission</u> - Gate fees will be as follows: \$7.00 on Saturday and Sunday or \$12.00 for a weekend pass. Under 12 will be Free. A weekend pass may be purchased on Saturday. Please inform your parents in advance about the gate charge.

<u>Restrooms</u> - Restrooms are located in the Concession Stand buildings in the center of the park.

Warm Up Area - The areas for warm up are behind the temporary fences.

<u>Home Team/Visiting Team</u> - Please be at the field 10 minutes prior to each game. The official scorekeeper will be the home team scorekeeper. Home team will be determined by a coin toss. Home team should notify the bracket board of the game outcome.

<u>Rules /Protest</u> –Teams may use two EPs in the batting order and play 9 in the field with free substitution. Teams may also use a DP/Flex in addition to the two EP's.

ASA 8U rules will be used. 8U will play 10 players in the field and bat all with free substitution. Baserunners may leave the base when the ball reaches home plate. The player in the pitcher's circle may move straight back behind the circle up to 5 feet if safety is an issue. The coach pitcher may pitch from the pitcher's circle but no closer than the 20 foot line. A batter ball must pass the 20 foot line to be fair. Batters may not bunt but slapping is allowed if the batter actually swings.

The umpire's decision on a judgment call is final. Rule interpretations can be discussed with a tournament director. The Protest Committee will consist of the two tournament directors and the umpire in chief. The tournament directors are Doug Swafford, Kim Swafford and the UIC. The protest fee will be \$100.00 and is non refundable if the call is upheld.

GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD. In all games, teams must have nine players present or a forfeit will be called. THERE WILL BE NO GATE REFUNDS IN THE EVENT OF A FORFEIT OR A RAIN OUT.

Run rule - ASA rules apply.

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<u>Game Tie Breakers</u> - During all pool play games, if a regulation game ends in a tie, one extra inning of tie breaker shall be played In bracket games, the tie breaker shall be used each inning until a winner is declared.

Pool Games - Teams will place based on the following:

- 1. Head to Head
- 2. Run Allowed
- 3. Runs Scored
- 4. Coin Toss

If teams do not play all other teams in their pool, head to head is thrown out.

<u>Tournament Format</u> - The tournament format for all age groups except high school, is a two pool double elimination format.

If weather becomes an issue, tournament officials reserve the right to alter, change tournament formats, games times and game time limits when necessary to ensure completion of the tournament.

Game Time Limits and Rainout Policy - In case of rain, each coach is responsible for having a team representative present to confirm playing times. Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten game times or to reduce the number of games in order to complete the tournament. Coaches are responsible for contacting tournament officials for all start time changes. If two games are completed, refunds will not be given. If less than two games are completed a 50% refund of the entry fee will be given. If no games are played, entry fees will be fully refunded. No gate refunds will be given.

Rain lines are (423)227-8784, (423)987-4402

Game times will be 75 minutes or 7 innings and the innings will complete unless unnecessary. International tie breaker rule will be used in the event of a tie. After one tie breaker inning, the game shall end in tie unless it is a bracket game which shall completed.

<u>Playable ball -</u> In all games, each team should provide a playable ASA ball.

AS ALWAYS, THANKS FOR PLAYING ASA and LET THE GIRLS HAVE FUN!

Visit the ASA website for tournament results at www.chattanoogaasa.com.

