

## GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENTS SOFTBALL RULES

All Grand Slam Sports FAST PITCH Softball Tournaments will be governed by straight ASA RULES with the following exceptions:

- 1. RUN RULE** >>> 15-runs after 3-innings; 10-runs after 4-innings and 8-runs after 5-innings.
- 2. TIME LIMITS** >> 1-Hour 45-Minute Time Limit or 6-Innings MINIMUM with NO Drop Dead UNLESS home team is WINNING and BATTING when time expires. NO TIME LIMIT on CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES!
- 3. COACHES CHOICE** >> BAT-9 with FLEX player OR BAT ENTIRE ROSTER with FREE Defensive Substitutions. IF you start a game batting YOUR ENTIRE ROSTER with NO SUBS, you must end the game that way. IF a player gets hurt, sick, has to leave, etc..., when that players turn comes up in the batting order, it is an AUTOMATIC OUT!
- 4. Courtesy Runners** >>> Courtesy runners for the Pitcher AND Catcher AT ANY TIME! The courtesy runner MUST BE A SUB IF a team is NOT batting their entire roster. IF a team IS batting the entire roster the courtesy runner MUST BE THE LAST BATTED OUT!
- 5. BALLS** >> Balls must be optic yellow with red stitches.....cor. 47 or below.....compression 375 or below with the "ASA" Approved STAMP.
- 6. PROTEST** >> There will be a \$300 CASH protest fee. ONLY Rule interpretations are accepted as a protest.
- 7. CONDUCT:** Team coaches & managers are responsible for the conduct of parents, players and other team spectators. Each dugout must be cleaned out after every game. Bleacher area must also be devoid of trash. Use of profanity will not be tolerated. Managers & coaches are expected to conduct themselves with decorum. If any manager or head coach is thrown out of any game by the umpire, that manager WILL NOT be eligible to coach/manage in his/her team's next scheduled game. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.
- 8. HOME TEAM DETERMINATION:** Home team is determined by flip of the coin at the home plate meeting in Preliminary games. The Home Team in Elimination games will be the HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM IF applicable! The home team will furnish the official scorekeeper and visiting team will furnish the scoreboard operator. Home team will report score to tournament director's board.
- 9. TIE BREAKERS:** Games can end in a tie in EVERY GAME except ELIMINATION GAMES! No game will be played out after time limit or inning limit. In elimination play, games have to be played out until there is a winner! When time limit is up and home team is batting AND home team is ahead, the game is over regardless of score! We will NOT complete the inning. The Final score is the score at the end of the time limit! This is a time saving rule! The International Tie-Breaker will be used in elimination games once the game goes into extra innings or the time limit has expired.

**Birth Certificates will be required.**

**Team Insurance also required.**