

War at the Shore Rules and Field Addresses

1. Each Team **MUST** have a Copy of the Following with them:

- *Proof of Team Insurance form
- *War at the Shore Roster (16 Player Max)
- *Copy of each player's Birth Certificate

****Umpires are Pay at the Plate:**

***2-umpire/games = \$75 per team**

***1-umpires/game = \$45 per team**

USA Softball Rules are in effect with the following:

2. ****Winning Team in each game MUST text/call your score to: 732-581-5776**
PLEASE or make sure they are written down correctly on the score sheet hanging on the backstop!

3. Home Team for every **POOL GAME** will be determined by a coin-flip, with the team traveling the furthest calling the toss. *The Home Team scorebook is official.

*In Playoff elimination games (14u, 12uB & 12uC/Rec only), the Higher seeded team has the choice of home/away. (Example: #2 seed has choice over #3 seed). 16u and 18u will flip for every game

4. Teams will be seeded according to Standings after Pool Play is complete

12uB Division----- Top 6 Teams (**Gold Bracket**); Remaining Teams (**Silver Bracket**)

12uC/Rec Division----Top 10 Teams (**Gold Bracket**); Remaining Teams (**Silver Bracket**)

14u Division-----Top 12 Teams(**Gold Bracket**); Remaining Teams (**Silver Bracket**)

16u & 18u Divisions:

***On Saturday, All 16u & 18u teams will play a Pre-Determined SEEDING Game – Winner will advance to the Gold Bracket – Loser to the Silver Bracket**

*Both Gold and Silver Brackets are then **Single Elimination** (Note: most Teams will play a 2nd Game on Saturday – Winners move on to Sunday – Losers are done)(some teams will play only 1 gm Sat.)

***1st and 2nd Place Awards will be given to each Bracket in every age group (Gold and Silver)**

****All Playoff Games (Gold & Silver) are still pay at the plate, including Championship games**

5. No smoking allowed within the confines of the playing area! **Please keep your bench area clean!** After each game, please clean up your garbage before leaving. **No METAL cleats, Sunflower Seeds or Gum allowed on the fields at Adventure Sports Complex in Jackson! No pets allowed!**

6. Umpires are instructed **NOT to take any abuse** from players, coaches, parents or fans. If any umpire feels that anyone is being overly abusive towards them, that person will be asked to leave the complex! If that person fails to leave within 2 minutes, their team will forfeit the game and possibly all games for the weekend! Head Coach is responsible for their players and fans!

7. Teams will be seeded according to pool-play points in 14u and both 12u divisions

*Points will be used as the 1st criteria when an EVEN number of teams exist and an equal number of games have been played in a bracket

WIN = 3 pts

TIE = 1 pt

LOSS = 0 pts

*Teams tied in points will be broken by:

A. Total **Runs Against**. If still tied, then:

B. Total **Runs Scored**. If still tied, then:

C. Coin Flip by Tournament Director

***If any 12u or 14u teams play less than 4 Pool games, then Winning Percentage will be used as their first criteria, followed by Average Runs Against, followed by Average Runs Scored per game**

8. We will use the following **Mercy Rule**:

***12 runs after 3 innings**

***10 runs after 4 innings**

*** 8 runs after 5 innings**

9. In the event of bad weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to use a Rain Schedule which could limit the number of games played and/or time limit of games and may also declare a game official if weather or darkness become an issue. Any game halted due to weather (ie: rain, thunder/lightning, darkness) will have the clock continue. Scores will count and will revert back to the last completed inning, no matter how many innings or how much time, has been played. (If home team is ahead, score would not revert if batting in the bottom of an inning)

10. All games, except Gold Bracket “Finals” games, are played to 7 innings or to Mercy Rule. However, **“NO New Inning may start at or after 75 minutes!”** Once at the 75 minute mark, that inning will be completed, if needed. If the Home Team is batting and is ahead, or goes ahead at any point after the 75 minute mark, the game is over. If the Visiting Team is batting at the 75 minute mark, the inning will be completed.

***POOL GAMES** can end in a tie. If time remains and full innings have been completed and game is tied, then International Tie-Breaker will be used

***All PLAYOFF GAMES**, excluding Gold “Finals” games, will also be “NO New Inning may start at or after the 75 minute mark.” Any Playoff game that is tied after a full inning at or after the **65** minute mark will start the next inning with the ITB. We must have a winner

***Any Playoff game** that ends tied (after 7 innings or time limit) will immediately go to International Tie-Breaker, with the player scheduled to bat last that inning starting as a base runner at 2nd base

*** Gold ”Finals Games”** are “NO New Inning may start at or after **90** minutes. Once at the **90** minute mark, that inning will be completed, if needed. If the Home Team is batting and is ahead, or goes ahead

at any point after **90** minute mark, the game is over. If the Visiting Team is batting at the 90 minute mark, the inning will be completed. Any Gold Finals game that is tied after a full inning at or after the **80** minute mark will start the next inning with the ITB.

*Silver bracket playoff games, including Finals, will be no new inning at or after 75 mins.

11. The Mercy Rule is in effect in all games, including any Playoff Game

12. No infield or outfield warm ups allowed between innings, except for the 1st inning!

Pitchers are allowed 5 warm up pitches in the first inning (or for new pitchers entering the game). 3 warm ups allowed for all other innings. **1 minute between innings strictly enforced!**

13. Courtesy Runners are allowed for Pitcher and Catcher at any time. With 2 outs, Courtesy Runner is mandatory for the catcher (first offense, warning. Second offense, an out is assessed). Courtesy Runner must be a bench player. If all players are in the batting lineup, then last batted out is to be used

14. There are NO Protests allowed on any call at any time! All discrepancies or rules interpretations will be settled by the home plate umpire.

15. Teams may bat their entire roster (or any number of players over 9) in any game, but a minimum of 8 players are needed to play at any time. Any team who plays with 8 players will have an out assessed each time the 9th batting position is due up. Teams may add to the bottom of the lineup if a player arrives late.

*Offensive changes to the batting order must be reported to the plate umpire and opposing team. Defensive changes need not be reported

16. All Starters **and** Subs may re-enter the game 1 time

17. The DP/Flex Rule may be used for this tournament.

18. Should weather become an issue awards will be presented to the best remaining seeds

19. **Winning Team** is responsible for making sure their winning scores are texted/called in to: **732-581-5776** and that they are correctly posted online.

20. 3 defensive conferences per game. Pitcher must be removed on a 4th visit. No stalling tactics allowed

21. **Adventure Sports Complex Fields** are ALL ARTIFICIAL TURF. No metal cleats allowed (rubber cleats are ok)! No sunflower seeds or gum! There are no drawn pitching circles so umpires will use their judgment on look-back rule. Batters boxes are baseball size so again, umpires will use their judgment on out of the box calls. Admission is charged for fans entering this complex. We suggest purchasing online ahead of the tournament. All parents must sign a waiver to enter the complex. No Pets allowed!

22. No phone calls will be made. Emails will be sent and you can check standings and schedules on our website and LIVE Google Scoreboard:

www.TRLightningFastpitch.com

Field Locations

Adventure Sports Turf Complex

**Pine Rd. and Monmouth Rd.
Jackson, NJ 08527**

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N. Bay Ave. Veterans Park Complex

**1643 N. Bay Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753**

Holbrook Little League Fields

**401 Bartley Rd.
Jackson, NJ 08527**

All fields and facilities are play and park at your own risk!