

Oakland Yard Athletics Softball at the YARD Indoor Tournament Rules



Games will be 1:10 in length. The umpire will announce "Last Batter" at 69 minutes and the game is over once that batter completes her at-bat.

Hitters will start with a 0 Ball 0 Strike count.

Maximum 7 runs per inning. No Mercy Rule.

Batted balls that hit any part of the dome or lights are dead ball fouls unless the ball carries over the home run fencing.

In the event of an incomplete inning and the home team is losing, the score reverts back to the last completed inning. If the home team was losing the last completed inning but has tied the score or taken the lead in the incomplete inning, that score stands. There can be tie games.

Base runners may not score on a passed ball unless the defensive team puts the ball back into play. All runners may advance to 2nd and 3rd on passed balls.

Steals allowed, including home.

No Head First slides at home plate! Immediate Dead Ball, the base runner is out, and all trailing runners must return to the last base gained. Base runners that slide head first into home are automatically out even if there is no throw or play at home.

Dropped third strikes are playable (9/10u exception)

Home team will be decided by coin flip.

Free Substitution - Teams may bat everyone and players may re-enter multiple times but the batting order must remain the same. Teams electing not to bat everyone may re-enter players multiple times provided the players re-entering bat in their original order.

In the event of an injury with no substitute available, the batting order will be condense. The injured player's spot in the batting order is not an out.

Courtesy Runners for pitcher/catcher only and must be the last batted out.

Each team must supply one game ball per game. Game balls do not need to be new but must be in good game condition. All balls will be returned at the conclusion of the game.

Dugout Areas - Coaches, players, and one scorekeeper only. No parents, siblings, or spectators. NO METAL

SPIKES/CLEATS! Molded rubber cleats, turf shoes, basketball type shoes only.

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Tie Breakers –

1. Head to head
2. Fewest Runs Allowed
3. Most Runs Scored.
4. Coin Flip

Wild Card –

1. Best Record (Non pool winner)
2. Head to Head
3. Fewest Runs Allowed
4. Most Runs Scored
5. Coin Flip

Seeding for divisions with Wild Card—1. Best record 2. Fewest Runs Allowed 3. Most Runs Scored 4. Coin Flip
**If #1 Seed and Wild Card come from same pool Wild Card will play #2 seed

In the event of a tie game in a Semi-Final, the team with the fewest runs allowed in the tournament advances to the championship game.

In the event of a tie game in the Championship game both teams will be declared Co-Champions and both teams will receive Tournament Champions awards.

All players **MUST** be of appropriate age and are required to provide proof of age if requested. Failure to provide requested proof of age will result in team forfeit and player ejection from the tournament.

Base and Pitching Distances

9/10u - 35/60

11/12u - 40/60

13/14u - 43/60

High School –43/60

Rules are subject to change and Tournament Director's decisions are final.

Oakland Yard is a family friendly facility. Any player, coach, or spectator, that demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior (i.e. violent play, fighting, foul/abusive language) toward umpires, opponents, or spectators, will be ejected from the game and/or asked to leave the building.

Family friendly behavior is expected and appreciated.

NO SEEDS or TOBACCO allowed in the buildings. Anyone found eating seeds or using tobacco of any kind will be immediately ejected from the game. No exceptions!