



**Bauerstown Baseball & Softball Association**  
**Slow/Fast Softball Tournament Rules (2016 revision)**

**PGSSL & ASA Softball Rules with the following adjustments:**

1. **ROSTER:** Maximum of fifteen (15) players. No more than four (5) adults on the bench, which includes the manager, three (3) coaches and a scorekeeper. Roster must be submitted prior to first game.
  - a. **Roster Challenges:** Teams must furnish birth certificates upon request. In the event the challenge is upheld, your team will forfeit the tournament and all remaining games. A player's age is determined by their age as of January 1 of the current year.
  - b. **Roster Minimum:** A minimum of eight (8) players are required to start and finish a game.
  - c. **Batting Order and Fielders:** Continuous batting order will be in effect, and a player cannot sit two (2) consecutive defensive innings
2. **HOME AND VISITING TEAM:** Determined by a toss of a coin at the beginning of the game for pool play. In the bracket rounds, the higher seed is the home team
3. **STARTING TIME:** Teams have a fifteen (15) minute grace period to field the minimum of eight (8) players. If a travel delay occurs, please call the Bauerstown Tournament Director.
  - a. **Before Games:** The batting cages will not be available. No "live pitching" batting practice at any time during the tournament. Whiffle balls and sand balls are permitted only if space is available.
  - b. **Start of Game:** Infield warm-ups, five (5) minutes to the home and away team, **time permitting** as determined by the umpire or bracket director. Only the outfield may be used for warm-ups at any other times that the field is not in use.
  - c. **Between Innings:** Six (6) pitches maximum. No warm up ball after the first inning
  - e. **Game Length:** Finish the inning at 1 hour and 10 minutes, then play one more untimed inning. (Except playoffs and Championship games, which will play the number of innings as governed by each age division rules.)
4. **UNIFORMS:** Players must be in uniforms with numbers clearly marked on the jerseys. Uniforms must be from the same association, and duplicate numbers **ARE** permitted. Metal cleats are **NOT** permitted. **NO JEWELRY!**
5. **PITCHING:** A pitcher must be removed if a coach takes more than one (1) trip to the mound in an inning.
6. **ROSTER OPTIONS:** All players of the team who appear for the game must bat in a set order as recorded in the scorebook. Any late arrivals will be added to the bottom of the batting order. Unlimited field substitution is permitted. If a player becomes ill or is injured, the player may be removed from the lineup without penalty to her team. If a player is removed from the lineup for any other reason, each of her subsequent turns at bat will be recorded as an out. The umpire has sole discretion in determining illness or injury. If a player is removed from the lineup, she may not return to the lineup.
7. **BATS** All bats must bear either the ASA 2000, ASA 2004, or ASA 2013 Certification Mark and must not be listed on the "ASA Non-Approved Bat List with 2000 or 2004 Certification Mark". **Penalty is an OUT for the first infraction, forfeiture for subsequent team infractions.** Infraction must be realized before the next official at bat begins. ASA Official Equipment site: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-asa/certified-asa-equipment>

8. **BAT THROWING:** Both teams will be given a warning. An **OUT** will be called for the next infraction. Runners will return to the base they were on prior to that pitch. The defensive team has the option to waive this call (example player hits into a double play).
9. **BATTING HELMETS:** The batter/base runner must wear a helmet at all times **on the field**. The penalty will be that the batter/base runner will be called **OUT**. If the helmet is dislodged due to contact sliding into a base, the runner will not be called out (umpire's discretion). A player cannot be counted as two outs on the same play (for example; player is out at first and takes her helmet off prior to exiting the field).
10. **SLIDING:** Must slide or avoid contact rule is in effect. If a player does not slide, any contact, other than incidental contact, will result in an "out" call. Players are advised to slide in order to avoid this consequence.
  - a. Head first sliding is not permitted unless the player is returning to a base. The consequence is that the player will be called **out**.
11. **UMPIRE CALLS:** You may **NOT** review or appeal a judgment call. Any rule questions will be resolved prior to the game restarting. **Only the MANAGER can review or appeal a call.**
  - a. **Protests:** Solved immediately on the field by the umpires and the Bracket Director if necessary. **Managers** are the only individuals who may dispute a call by an umpire. They must object utilizing an appropriate tone and appropriate words. If the manager objects to a field call, he must be able to cite to a particular Tournament Rule or the ASA Rule Book. No judgment calls may be challenged.
  - b. **Strike Zone:** Managers may not object to any ball or strike calls.
12. **RUN AHEAD RULE:** The ten (10) run surrender rule applies after the fifth defensive inning.
13. **SHORTENED GAMES:** During bracket play, any game suspended (by weather or 10-run-rule) after the losing team has batted five (5) complete innings is a complete game. If the game is not a complete game, it will be resumed at the exact point of interruption.
  - a. **Playoff Rounds:** all games will be played a full seven innings, except in the case where the 10-run-rule comes into play.
  - b. **Ending a Game Early:** Only the Umpires and the Bracket Director can call a game.
14. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship is emphasized at our tournament. Cheers and comments "against" or "derogatory in nature" to another player or team will not be tolerated. Managers are responsible for their players' fans' and coaches' behavior. Should a manager be unable to control the team's players, coaches, or fans, that manager's team may be removed from the tournament at the discretion of the Bracket Director. Any player, manager or coach ejected in a game will not be permitted on the playing field for the next game.
15. **WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS:** BBA reserves the right to reschedule games and shorten brackets due to weather. BBA will not guarantee number of games played or give refunds from a shortened schedule due to weather.
16. **PARKING:** BBSA Lots fill up fast. Extra parking is available in our main lot and by the T-Ball Field and Field 4 on Newland Street. Please avoid Cherry City Fire hall lots on Thursday evenings.
17. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE:** BBSA features a full concession stand. Outside food is permitted, but grills and camp stoves are **NOT** permitted for safety reasons. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Violator will be asked to leave the complex.