

2008 Orlando Meltdown

Rules of Play

Registration: All players must register with proper identification before they are eligible to play in any game. Players not registered will not be allowed to play until they register.

Ball Count: The count during Ice Breaker round robin games and Tournament Play start with a 1-1 count, with one courtesy foul

Pitching: The arc of the pitch is 6-12 ft.

Stealing: No Stealing allowed!

Run Rule: 20 after 3 innings; 12 after 5 innings

Courtesy Runner: Two (2) Courtesy Runners are allowed per game, it must be the last batted out!

Equipment: Bats: Must meet current 2008 ASA standards. Balls: Softballs will be Core-44, ASA Approved. Women's Division - 11" softball, all other divisions - 12" softball!

Game Time: Round robin games have a **50 minute** drop-dead time limit! No Exceptions! No new innings after 45 minutes! Tournament play games are 1-hour time limit! No new innings will start after 55 minutes!

Tie Games: One pitch playoff format after 7 full innings or time limit, which ever comes first! Last batted out goes to second base! This playoff format is referred to as Kansas City Tiebreaker!

- Round robin games can end in a tie!
- Trophy Games: No time limit and no Kansas City tie breaker! Run rules do apply!

Home Runs: Including Ice Breaker round robin games

- Women's Division is limited to one (1) 'over-the-fence' home run per team per game.
- B Division is limited to three (3) 'over-the-fence' home runs per team per game.
- C Division is limited to one (1) 'over-the-fence' home run per team per game.
- D Division – No 'over-the-fence' home runs; recorded out

Note: 'Over-the-fence' home runs beyond divisional limits are recorded as an out.

Protesting:

Umpire decisions on balls, strikes, and out calls or **individual player rankings** will not be considered grounds for protest! All individual players ranking have been verified using the most up to date NAGAAA rankings. A team wishing to protest issues not related to the above must notify the head umpire on the field immediately. A protest fee of \$200 (cash only) must be given to the tournament representative at the time of the protest. Legitimate protest will be handled on the spot with tournament representative, umpires and both managers. If your protest is upheld, your protest fee will be refunded. If your protest is not upheld, you will forfeit your protest fee.

Suspension of Play:

The Umpire or Field Maintenance Supervisor can suspend Play if inclement weather is approaching or present. If the weather is such that play must be suspended or cancelled during the tournament, the contingency plans are to, speed up play (i.e. one-pitch) or participate in an alternative sport that can be played inside.

Sportsmanship:

This tournament is the collective efforts and hard work of many, many people. It is the intent of the tournament to provide fair play for all teams. Additionally, the tournament encourages participation through a culturally diverse mix of players. If at any time disparaging remarks are expressed, implied or said from any player(s), that/those player(s) will then be immediately removed from the tournament and the complex at which the event is taking place for the remainder of the tournament. In other words, play nice and respect one another.

Note: Some of these rules have been modified for the purpose of this tournament. The rules listed above override the ASA rules in the official ASA Rules of Play Guidebook. All other rules of play, not outlined above, are per ASA guidelines. For more information, visit the ASA website at www.softball.org