



2025 STATE QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT RULES

(revised 03/20/24)

Teams must notify CRF by Wednesday at noon if they do not plan playing in State Qualifier. Teams must notify the Tournament Director before leaving Saturday if they do not plan to return on Sunday. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 community fine of which half will be given to the team that is involved in a no-show. Brackets will be posted on website on the Wednesday before qualifier but are not official until Thursday at 5pm. Teams must play in the Qualifier to attend a State tournament. Teams who qualify and then fail to attend the State tournament will be required to reimburse the League \$250 for the cost of the unused berth.

1. All State tournament berths are determined during the qualifier. Teams are seeded according to regular season results.
2. Teams' rosters are available for viewing on the league website. Players listed on the roster at the time of the tournament are eligible to participate.
[Age Calculator | Minnesota Softball](#)
3. A team found to have an illegal player is immediately disqualified from the tournament.
4. The high seed will be the home team. Exception: the winner's bracket team will be the high seed in the championship.
5. Time limit: No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes unless the game is tied. The tie breaker rule (USA 5.11) will then apply. Time limit is waived in the championship game.
6. All teams at all levels have the *option* to bat their roster.
7. Courtesy runner for catchers/pitchers will be the last out, or an available sub on the bench, unless the last out is coming up to bat then it will be the last batter crossing the plate.
8. NO maximum runs per half inning. The defense must get three (3) outs.
9. Run Rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
10. Umpire rule interpretation protests will be settled during the game. The rule book will come out on the field, if needed, to ensure the proper rule application is applied. Player eligibility protest must be made before game ends and settled after the game. Eligibility protests must be taken up with the Tournament Director or League Director.
11. No use of the infield before the game.
12. All qualifiers are double elimination except the championship game. The championship game will be "winner takes all" format.

Teams advancing to State will be placed in the appropriate Tier based on a combination of league standings and qualifier results at the discretion of the League Director.