



## MINNESOTA SOFTBALL FALL STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

1. A gate fee for the tournament entry of \$100 is payable to the site host.
2. Turn in a signed copy of your approved Minnesota Roster. *The liability waiver language is required for insurance purposes and for COVID-19.* This is for ALL ages, no exception. Go to <http://www.josoftball.com>.
3. Bring your players Birth Certificates (only if not provided with on-line roster, you will see "verified" next to players name if you did) and have them available if an issue comes up and an umpire requests to see one. Do not turn in.
4. Teams will bat the bench at all levels.
5. Home team is determined by flip of coin.
6. Run rule is 15 runs ahead after three innings, 12 runs ahead after four innings, 8 runs ahead after five innings.
7. Courtesy runner for catchers and pitchers will be the last out unless the last out is coming up to bat then it would be the last batter crossing the plate.
8. You can play with 8 players; however, the 9<sup>th</sup> position will be recorded as an out. We want your team to play.
9. Games are scheduled every 1 hour and 30 minutes (90 minutes). Games are 1 hour 10 minutes (70 minutes). No new inning will start after 70 minutes.
10. Tie Breaker Rule: The offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner if that player is a pitcher or catcher). \*\*For Fall 10U, ALL Tiers, the inning will start with 2 outs. \*\*
11. All rules protests will be handled by the umpire on the field.
12. Umpires will handle all protests on the fields.
13. 10U will have the 5 run per inning rule.
14. 8U will follow the same rules as all of fall ball. There will be youth umpires assigned by the hosting association.
15. All other rules are governed by the USA Softball rule book.

