

## Plover Fastpitch

### Rules & Regulations - 14U/16U/18U

6/12/23

1. Governing Body - USA Softball
2. Age limit: no player may turn 15(14U), 17(16U), 19(18U) years of age before September 1st.
3. Roster: No additions to team roster after 1st game
4. Lineups: Due to Umpires, Scorekeepers AND announcers - complete with number, first and last names.
5. Batting order: 1) You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely in pool play. (normal reentry and batting order rules apply) or 2) USA DP/FLEX/Extra player rules. Must adhere to USA DP/FLEX/Extra player rules for bracket play.
6. Courtesy runners: Allowed for pitcher and/or catcher at any time - Rule 8, Section 10
7. Home Team: Coin Flip - Rule 5, Section 1
8. On Deck: Always on back side of batter
9. Game Length 75 minutes. New inning starts as soon as the last out of the previous inning. NO time limit on Championship Game(s), 7 innings.
10. Pace of Play: 5 pitches 1st inning, 3 pitches the following innings (unless new pitcher) NO INFIELD after 1st inning.
11. Official Scorer: Home team is the official Scorekeeper.
12. Pitching Limit: None
13. Pool Play games will end in a tie if time has expired
14. Pitching distance: 43 feet
15. Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings. Including championship
16. Tie Breakers in bracket play only: International tie break rules apply (last out placed on 2nd, with no outs)
17. Dropped 3rd strike: In effect
18. Infield Fly: in effect
19. Helmets, facemask: NOCSAE certified are required.
20. Dugout: The team listed on the top of the bracket will have the first base dugout and is responsible for running the scoreboard.
21. Umpire decisions are final
22. Metal Spikes allowed
23. Tournament director reserves the right to invoke the Inclement Weather Rules at any time.
24. NO CHANTING
25. Harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward the opposing team, umpire or official will not be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejections, forfeitures and removal of individuals or teams from the tournament, without warning, by tournament officials or an umpire.
26. Tie breakers: 1. Head to head 2. Runs allowed 3. Run differential