

## **FALL Battle at the Bridge Changes to ASA/USA Softball Rules:**

Teams may bat everyone on their roster throughout the tournament.

You can pinch run for the catcher/pitcher with a player not in the game.

Teams that bat everyone in their line up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an ejection. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone. If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited.

## **2019 Fall Battle at the Bridge Tournament Rules**

- Tournament Director – Phil Culver @ 978-270-3010
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- All Games will be played in accordance with the rules of the ASA/USA Softball with exceptions noted herein.
  - 4 Game Guarantee (Weather Permitting) 3 Games in pool play. Single elimination on Sunday. Seeding for elimination round will be based on standings after pool play.
    1. Rank teams by winning percentage in their pool
    2. If two teams are ties, compare head to head win-loss. If more than 2 teams are ties, skip this step.
    3. If teams are ties, rank based on fewest runs allowed per game
    4. If teams are ties, rank based on most runs scored per game
    5. If teams are ties, a coin toss is used.
  - All games will 1 Hour 30 Minutes. No Inning may start after the time limit has expired. Pool play games can end in a tie. Elimination round games must produce a winner. The international tie breaker is in effect beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning or if the time limit is reached before the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of a tied elimination round game. There is no time limit for the semi-finals or finals, but international tie-breaker will be used if needed.
  - Coaches must have a roster, birth certificated for each player, insurance certificate, and evidence of ASA registration. Failure to produce birth certificated upon request will result in a forfeit. Players ages must be in accordance with the ASA age chart for all ages. Teams must have all adult bench personnel go through the on-line national ASA background check and complete the on-line ACE certification.
  - Only players, coaches, scorers, and a single bat person are allowed in the dugout/bench areas.
  - No infield or batting practice allowed on the infields prior to the games. Teams may use the outfield areas to warm up prior to games.
  - A double coin flip will determine the home team for pool play games. Higher seed has their choice in Elimination Round games. If both teams are the same seed a double coin flip will be used.
  - Lineups must be presented to your opponent and the umpire 10 minutes prior to game time. The home team's score book is the official score book.
  - Games Must start on time. Teams MUST be ready to start up to 30 minutes before scheduled game start time if fields and umpires are available and ready.

- All protests must be settled immediately before proceeding with the next live pitch or play. Home plate umpire has final authority on all protests. The home plate umpire may consult with the tournament director concerning special tournament rules. Only the head coach can discuss protests with the home plate umpire. All protests must be presented to the home plate umpire in a civil manner. The umpire has the authority to refuse to consider protests without discussion or consultation with the tournament director.
- The time limit continues to be in effect during a rain delay (Time limit clock does not stop during the rain delay. Should any game be suspended due to inclement weather but re-started with the original 1 hour 30-minute time limit the game will be resumed from the point at which the suspension of play was called.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format because of inclement weather or other unforeseen reasons. These changes include but are not limited to shortening of games or eliminating games. In the event of a rainout and cancellation of the tournament on Sunday the highest remaining seed will be the tournament champion. Weather related refunds will be made per the following policy:

Should a tournament have to shorten the number of games played, teams will be refunded based on the following formula:

If a team plays zero games, the team will be entitled to their entry fee less non-recoverable tournament expenses. These include, but not limited to, perishable food, T-shirts, trophies, game balls, & insurance. Tournament will provide USA Softball MA. this calculation within 7 days of the tournament for approval. Once approved, the tournament MUST send each team a copy of this calculation along with their refund.

If a team plays one game, the team will be entitled to 50% of their entry fee

If a team plays two or more games, there will be no refund given

If a game is stopped because of inclement weather or other unforeseen reason and not restarted with the 1 hour 30-minute time limit, the score of the game will be official based on the score at the end of the last complete inning or half inning if the home team is ahead. A minimum of two complete innings must be played for this rule to be implemented.

- Any player or coach ejected from a game by an umpire will not be allowed to participate in their team's next game. Ejected players can remain on the bench for the remainder of the current game and the next game. Ejected coaches are not allowed to remain on or near the bench/dugout area for the current game or the next game. We hope that this rule will not be used. Depending on the circumstances of the ejection, a coach may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and may also may a disciplinary hearing with USA Softball MA.
- Both winning and losing coach are responsible to report scores immediately after the completion of games to the tournament director or his designated representative. If scores

are not called in, then any error in seeding will not be changed after brackets are completed.

- Teams are responsible for their own first aid needs.
- Coaches are responsible for picking up trash in and around their bench area after games. Please leave the bench area promptly to allow teams for the next game to move in.
- A team trophy and individual trophies (up to roster size of 15) will be awarded to the tournament championship team. A team trophy and individual medallions (up to roster size of 15) will be awarded to the tournament runner-up.
- Online schedules and results are available on [iTournamentBrackets.com](http://iTournamentBrackets.com)