

# Billerica Softball Summer Sizzler

## Information and Rules of Play

### Welcome!

We would like to thank you for participating in Billerica's Tournament. This welcome package should include everything you need to make this weekend an enjoyable one for you and your family.

Please adhere to your schedule as I tried to accommodate everyone's request but it's not always possible. If you are moving between fields, you'll be given a few minutes grace time to arrive and setup. All of the games are at the Donati/Shea fields, at the Peggy Hannon Rizza Complex.

Included in this package you will find:

- Tournament guidelines
- Addresses to the fields

We hope that all the information you need is included in this package and is easy to understand. Please call or e-mail me if you need additional information, now or at any time during the tournament. Thank you again for entering our tournament and good luck.

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### General Information

- ASA Rules will be in effect:
  - <https://www.usasoftballma.com/localtournamentrules>  
2024 USA Softball of Massachusetts State Championship Rules  
and  
USA Softball of Massachusetts Open, A, & B Rules
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the location, opponent and times of games based on weather and field conditions. The Tournament Director may also change the game time limits if necessary to ensure equal pool games.
- The home team is the official scorer.
- Each team is responsible for their first aid needs and cleaning their dugout after games.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited at tournament sites.
- Use of private grills at the fields is strictly forbidden. Please do not bring gas or barbecue grills.
- Please ensure that all pop up tents are secured to the ground or fence and not left unattended.
- **For Sunday seeding, game time, and field locations please go to [www.itournamentbrackets.com](http://www.itournamentbrackets.com) (the same place you got the schedule for Saturday's games). The site should be updated by 8pm Saturday night; we will not be calling you with your team's information.**

### SCORING

Each Team is required to text their score at the conclusion of the game to: 978-314-5962, 617-710-4212. Each team should note their game number (on [itournamentbrackets.com](http://itournamentbrackets.com)), team name, their opponent's team name, and the score for each team. For example, **Game 1 Braves 0 Waves 0**

Failure to report scores will slow the seeding process; we make every attempt to have up to the minute results and that can only be done with your help! All scoring disputes must be addressed before 9PM on Saturday.

- Scores will be posted on [www.itournamentbrackets.com](http://www.itournamentbrackets.com)

- **Each team must check in at the Shea/Donati Snack shack or tent at the Locke before their first game with a signed ASA roster, a certificate of insurance, Safesport completion, Birth Certificates & contact information. (NOTE Massachusetts teams have registration confirmed, but out of state teams need to show the above documents)**

- **Player of the Game shirtss**: When you check in prior to your first game you will POG certificates.

Immediately after each pool play game each team will name a member of the opposing team as Player of the game”.

- **Concessions** – Full concessions will be available at the Donati and Shea fields, with a full menu of drinks, snacks, hamburgers, hotdogs and much more.

### **Field Locations**

Donati - 79 Campbell Rd Billerica, MA 01821

Shea - 79 Campbell Rd Billerica, MA 01821

Locke 1 - 110 Allen Road Billerica, MA 01821 (closet to the parking lot)

Locke 2 - 110 Allen Road Billerica, MA 01821

### **Tournament Guidelines**

Please see the above links to USA softball rules

### **Warmup Areas:**

Shea (front) and Donati (back) fields:

Please do not do hitting or setup a net on the grass in the outfield of either field.

There is a batting cage next to the Shea field for soft toss. Please hit into the next sideways to allow two teams to bat at the same time.

There is a large grassy area in front of the Shea field for multiple teams to warm up.

There is a large area outside the fence in Right field at the Donati behind the storage container.

You can also warm-up in the grass on Donati outside the temporary fence, but no soft toss or hitting.

Please keep off the turf football fields.

### **Infield Practice**

Infield or batting practice is NOT allowed on the game field. Please keep the practice in the outfield grass to give workers time and safety to prepare the playing surface.

### **Ties and Playoff Tiebreaker**

Ties are allowed in Pool Play. However, if a game is tied after 7 innings and the time limit has not expired, the game will continue with the International Tiebreaker in effect starting with the 8th inning and until the time limit has been reached. If the teams are still tied at the conclusion of the last completed inning and the time limit has expired, the game is scored as a tie.

On Sunday elimination games, the time limit is in effect through the quarterfinals. The International Tiebreaker will be used starting with the 8th inning or at the time limit, which-ever comes first. Example 6 innings complete at the time limit, ITB begins in the 7th.

For the Semifinal and Championship game there is no time limit. The International Tiebreaker will be in effect

for all elimination games starting with the 8th inning and until a winner emerges.

**Seeding:** Please see the **POOL PLAY & BRACKETS** section of the USA softball document.

Seeding and scores will be posted for each division on line at [WWW.ITOURNAMENTBRACKETS.COM](http://WWW.ITOURNAMENTBRACKETS.COM) so please be prompt when reporting the scores

**Elimination Day:**

The highest seed will have the choice of being the home team. If the age division is using cross-over pools for the Elimination games, and if 2 teams have the same seed, a coin-flip will determine the home team, otherwise the higher seed.

**Team Requirements**

All teams are required to have rosters, verification of insurance and birth certificates. Teams are required to have these items in their possession at all games, available for inspection.

**Disputes**

The on field umpire will settle disputes pertaining to ASA rules. The Umpire In-Chief and the Tournament Director will settle disputes pertaining to these tournament guidelines. No protests will be accepted after the game. Just a friendly reminder the clock keeps running on a dispute.

**Rain Policy-Pool Play**

- If a game is interrupted by rain at the end of an inning, and the time limit has expired, the game will be declared complete.
- If a game is interrupted by rain during an inning, and the time limit has expired during the delay, the score shall revert back to the previously completed inning. (even if it was still in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning )
- Games subsequent to the delay will remain at seven innings and the 1 hour and 30 minute time limit, unless in the tournament director's opinion, all subsequent games should be shortened to keep the schedule on track.
- The above rule can be applied to any portion of the tournament at the Tournament Directors discretion. If the tournament is back on schedule the games will return to seven innings and the 1 hour and 30 minute time limit.
- During pool play. Games will be considered complete after 1 complete inning. Games that do not make 1 complete inning will recorded a 0-0 tie for seeding purposes.
- The Tournament will run on schedule.

**Rain Policy-Championship round**

- If the rain occurs on Sunday and it is impossible to complete the tournament, the Champion will be the highest seed remaining.
- The tournament could not continue due to the weather/field conditions and the Championship game was in progress and no completed inning resulted in a team ahead.
- If the tournament is declared over due to weather or field conditions being deemed un-playable during the Championship game the score of the last COMPLETED inning will be used to determining the Champion, starting with the last completed inning and rolling back each inning until one team was ahead at the conclusion of that inning. If all rolled back innings were tied the result will be the higher seed for that age division. (even if no inning was completed)

- The objective of the rain policy is to be fair to all participants and give everyone the same amount of games. Every effort will be made to be fair to everyone. However, there may be unforeseen and complicated circumstances that make a totally acceptable conclusion impossible to obtain.
- Trophy ceremony immediately follows Championship games.