

17th Annual Poway Summer Heat Classic

2009 Tournament Rules & Regulations

Revised: 4-Jun-09

The current ASA Official Rules of Softball and the Southern California ASA Rules and Regulations shall be enforced at this event and will be used unless otherwise stipulated in the tournament rules below. There is no brief reminder of these rules here, so please consult your rulebook, the Tournament Director, or the UIC if you are uncertain.

FIELDS

See PGSL Website for maps and directions: www.pgsl.org > Summer Heat Classic.

1. **Aubrey Park**
2. **Midland Elementary School**
3. **Valle Verde Park**
4. **Poway High School**
5. **Rancho Bernardo High School**
6. **Silverset Park**
7. **Lake Poway Park**

Restrooms and a full-service concession stand are available at Aubrey Park, Poway High, Rancho Bernardo High, and Midland Elementary. Restrooms and drinks are available at Valle Verde, Silverset Park and Lake Poway Park.

NO ALCOHOL, NO TOBACCO, NO PORTABLE BARBECUES, NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Pets are NOT permitted at any school but are permitted at City parks as long as they are leashed and under control.

PARKING

Parking is severely limited at some sites and the City of Poway WILL issue parking citations to all those parked in UNMARKED parking spaces at Aubrey Park and WILL tow those vehicles blocking traffic, drop off areas, driveways, dumpsters, or other posted areas. **DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU!** If you're not sure move your vehicle.

Overnight RVs are not permitted at any site. Daytime-only RVs may NOT take up more than a single space and are NOT allowed at Aubrey Park due to lack of turning space. **NO TAILGATING OR EXTENDING OF AWNINGS IN PARKING AREAS IS PERMITTED!**

CHECK-IN

1. All teams must check-in at least one (45) minutes prior to your first game at that field.
Note: A League representative will be on-site approximately (1) hour prior to game time to record check-in. (revised 28-May-09)
2. All teams must be registered with ASA as a recreational "B" or "C" All Star team. NO "A" TRAVEL TEAMS.
3. Each team must present a completed roster, proof of insurance, proof of age, and an individual photo for all players. Proof of age can be an ASA Player ID card or birth certificate and should be available throughout the tournament.
4. Rosters are limited to 15 players and no player may be added after the start of your first game.
5. All players must adhere to the ASA eligibility requirements for recreational play.
6. Rostering ineligible players will result of forfeiture of games played and possible disqualification from the tournament with a loss of all fees paid.

GAME TIME

1. Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be prepared to play at their scheduled time, no changes to the schedule will be granted. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the scoreboards or contact the Tournament Director for possible game time or field changes. Teams playing back-to-back games at different locations will be afforded a grace period.
2. In pool play, games will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes. No new inning shall start after the time limit is reached. No drop dead time. Pool play games may end in a tie.
3. In bracket play, games will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes. No new inning shall start after the time limit is reached. No drop dead time. International tie breaker rule shall be in effect. Championship Games will play the full seven (7) innings with no time limit (six (6) innings for 8U).
4. The run-ahead (mercy) rule is 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings as per ASA rules and shall be used in all games (pool and bracket).

GROUND RULES

1. **Warmups.** Infield practice is not permitted, foul territory and outfields may be used. Grass areas are also provided outside of fenced areas at all parks except Midland Elementary. Do not use spectator areas for warm-ups. For games at Aubrey Park, DO NOT USE OLD POWAY PARK ACROSS THE STREET FOR WARMUPS. Coaches must use silent warm ups before the first game of the day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Our field permits don't allow us to use the fields until the actual game time. No cheering, yelling or loud noise is allowed before the first game. Penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiting the game. (revised 2-Jun-09)

2. **Dugouts.** The team listed last or on the bottom of the bracket shall occupy the third base dugout. Teams playing consecutive games on the same field will not be required to change dugouts.
3. **Home Team.** In all pool play, the Home Team will be determined by a coin toss at the pre-game meeting with umpires and coaches. In all bracket play, the higher seeded team (i.e. 1 is higher than 2, etc...) will be the Home Team. [\(revised 28-May-09\)](#)
4. **Scorecards.** The home team will keep the official scorecard. Official scorecards will be provided and must be used. The scorekeeper shall not advise an umpire, coach, player, or spectator, of any procedural errors (e.g. batting out of order, illegal substitution) without first being asked by an umpire. The scorekeeper must turn in the signed, official scorecard to the plate umpire at the end of the game.
5. **Game Balls.** Game balls will be provided and will be the only balls used. 8U - Worth 10" RIF, 10U - Worth 11" RIF, 12U & 14U - Worth 12" Dream Seam.
6. **Bat-Around.** Bat-around may be used in pool play ONLY but is not required. In bracket play, ASA batting rules will apply. If a team uses bat-around:
 - a. They must declare their intention to bat around and list all players present with no substitutions.
 - b. They will be allowed free defensive substitutions.
 - c. Courtesy runners (for pitcher and catcher only) must be the last player to make an out who is not a pitcher or catcher.
 - d. Players leaving the game for any reason other than ejection will result in an out being declared for that player's next at bat only.
 - e. Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the lineup.
 - f. A batter-runner or runner injured on a play may be replaced on base by the player making the last out. The batter-runner or runner who was replaced must be removed from the game.
7. **8U Special Rules.** The 8U modifications adopted by Southern California ASA for championship play will be used with the following exceptions:
 - a. Four (4) runs per inning run limit in pool and bracket play.
 - b. No "Open Inning" will be called, run limits will be used in all innings.
8. **10U Special Rules.** The 10U rules adopted by ASA will be used except:
 - a. Five (5) runs per inning run limit in pool play.
 - b. Five (5) runs per inning run limit in bracket play for Silver division only.
9. **Bracket Play.** Five (5) or Six (6) Team Pools: top two teams from each pool will advance to bracket play. Four (4) Team Pools: all teams will advance to bracket play. Teams are first ranked within their respective pool by:
 - a. Win-Loss Record
 - b. Head-to-Head within pool
 - c. Runs Allowed
 - d. Runs Scored
 - e. Coin Toss

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10. **Conduct.** Managers and coaches are responsible for their team, staff, and fans both on and off the field. Teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugouts after each game. No artificial noisemakers allowed. Improper conduct during games or anywhere on the premises may result in team disqualification from the tournament. Any coach or spectator that is ejected from a game will be required to leave the premises and out of sight and sound for the remainder of the game. A second incident of ejection of anyone associated with that team will result in the team's removal from the tournament.

PROTESTS

1. There will be NO playing rule protests during pool play.
2. During bracket play, all playing rule protests must be ruled on at the time of the protest by the home plate umpire, UIC, or the Tournament Director depending upon availability. Protest fee is \$50 cash payable at the time of the protest and is only refundable if the protest is upheld. Protests shall be governed by ASA Rule 9 (Sections 5 and 6 will not be in effect). [\(revised 2-Jun-09\)](#)
3. Eligibility protests shall be ruled upon by the Tournament Director according to ASA Code.

Revision History:	
25-May-09	Initial release for 17 th Annual 2009 Tournament
28-May-09	Revised CHECK-IN, Item 1 – <u>was</u> “All 8U teams must check in at ... required at least one (1) hour prior to your first game.” Revised GROUND RULES, Item 3. Home Team. – <u>was</u> “Home team will be determined by a coin toss ... will apply to pool and bracket play.”
2-Jun-09	Revised GROUND RULES, Item 1. Warmups – added sentence statements being with “Coaches must use silent warm ups ...” Revised PROTEST, Item 2 – added sentence statement being with “Protest fee is \$50 cash ...”
4-Jun-09	Revised GROUND RULES, Item 9. Bracket Play – removed sentence statement “All 14U teams will advance ... “ Revised FIELDS – added note to see Website for directions; removed directions for each field.
SEE ABOVE FOR CURRENT RULES	