



Suncoast Softball League D Division World Series Tournament Rules Of Play



- 1) Team line ups must have at least 9 players ready to start at game time.
 - Line ups are allowed to contain up to 12 players, 10 of which may take the field and two of which are on the line up as extra hitters.
 - Line ups may have as many substitute players as are listed on your team roster.
 - If only 9 players appear in the lineup, there will be no outs for where the 10th batter would appear in the lineup.
 - If there are not at least 9 players on the lineup card and ready to play at Game Start time, the umpire will call the game a forfeit.
- 2) This is a Non-Protest tournament.
- 3) There will be two umpires for each tournament game.
 - Umpires have jurisdiction.
 - Umpires shall have the authority to rule on any specific point not covered in these rules.
 - Artificial noise makers and loud music are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to music, money shakers, horns and other such devices. Offending fans (either with offensive comments or noise makers) will be asked to stop.
 - Umpires and Executive Council Members have the power to have offending fans removed.
- 4) All games are scheduled for 7 innings with no new innings starting after 55 minutes.
 - A new inning begins as soon as the third out is made in the bottom of the previous inning.
- 5) In the event a game ends in a tie, due to time limit or the completion of 7 innings, the game continues using Tie Breaker Extra Innings...
 - last batted out from previous inning becomes the runner on second base
 - start with NO outs
 - Continue game normally until there is a winner.
- 6) All games start on the hour or as soon as the previous game finishes and both teams are present in their dugouts.
- 7) Home Run Limits:
 - No over the fence home runs are allowed. They are to be recorded as the inning ending out.
- 8) The following run-rules apply:
 - 20 runs after 3 innings
 - 15 runs after 4 innings
 - 10 runs after 5 innings
- 9) One courtesy runner per inning is allowed. The runner will either be the last player recorded as an out or a substitution that has been listed on the lineup card. ASA substitution and re-entry rules apply.
- 10) All legal ASA bats only and no metal cleats.
- 11) Batters come to the plate with a 1/1 count and are given a courtesy foul after two strikes.
- 12) Pitching arc will be 6 – 12 feet.
- 13) All team rosters...
 - May only consist of SSL members who are players in good standing
 - May only consist of SSL members that have completed a minimum of 50% of games played from March 6, 2016 – May 15, 2016 and/or any rainout weekends to make up for games during this timeframe, with the same team.
 - Are locked after the last out of the last game on May 15, 2016 or another last game date due to a rain out rescheduled game No players will be added to any roster after this time.
- 14) Teams will be seeded by won-lost record during season games played from March 6, 2016 – May 15, 2016 or another last game date due to a rain out rescheduled game.
- 15) Higher seeded team is always the home team, unless an “if” game is needed, which will be a coin toss to determine the home and visitor teams.
- 16) If a player is injured during game play and is bleeding, the game play must be stopped, and the time on the clock must be stopped as well. Up to five minutes must be allowed to allow the player to properly bandage their wound. If a player cannot return to game play appropriately bandaged after this time, a substitution using a player listed as a substitute on the official game score card must be made.
- 17) The team finishing first place in the tournament will receive the second berth to represent Tampa in the D Division for the NAGAAA World Series, with subsequent placing teams going to World Series if a higher placing team is unable to go.
- 18) Any rules here supersede any rule in the Suncoast Softball League By-Laws, Constitution, and Rules of Play. If there is a rule that is not covered in this tournament’s rules of play, please refer to the Suncoast Softball League’s Rules of Play.