

Good afternoon, everyone, while we are gearing up for our 2nd annual Turkey Takedown tournament, we at Villains Fastpitch wanted to mention a few things. First of all, thank you. Without your support we wouldn't be able to make this a great tournament and a lot of fun for the girls. With that being said please keep in mind parking is a little tight at our facility. We have countless volunteers that are doing their best to make sure we have adequate room to accommodate everyone. Additionally, we fully understand that teams may be traveling from long distances and while we try very hard to take that into account, there is still a possibility that teams coming from 90 minutes away- or more- may have to play the earlier games. Some teams have messaged us about game times and we are trying to accommodate everyone but in certain divisions, we absolutely cannot. Finally, we would like to remind everyone, this is a game. No scholarships will be given out this weekend so please remind your fans- cheer your girls on! But please be courteous, respectful, and enjoy our 2nd annual Villains Fastpitch Turkey Takedown!



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. General Information

- All games will be played according to **USA Softball**.
- Tournament format will be 3GG, **single elimination**
- All teams must check in at least **30 minutes prior** to their first game.
- Insurance and roster are due October 29th
- Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting time
- **OFFICIAL SCORE BOOK:** home team is official scorekeeper in all tournament games. **BOTH** teams **MUST** report scores (and division you're in) within 30 minutes of games end using both team names to 330-507-0751 and 330-507-2637

2. Team & Player Requirements

- Teams must have a **minimum of 8 players** to start a game.
- Players must appear on the official team roster and may not play for multiple teams in the same tournament.
- A team starting with 8 players will record an **automatic out** in the 9th batting position.

3. Game Length & Timing

- games are **70 minutes** finish the inning
- **Pool play games can end in a tie.**
- Elimination games tied after 7 innings or time limit will use the **International Tiebreaker Rule** (last completed batter starts at 2nd base).

Run Rule (Mercy Rule):

- 12 runs after 3 innings
- 10 runs after 4 innings
- 8 runs after 5 innings.

4. Batting Rules

- Teams may bat 9 players, the entire roster, or use a DP/Flex option (per USA Softball rules).
- If batting the lineup, free defensive substitutions are allowed.
- **Courtesy runners** allowed for pitcher and catcher at any time (must be the last batted out).

5. Base Running

- Courtesy runners allowed for injured players (must be last recorded out).
- **malicious contact will result in ejection.**
- Sliding is encouraged on close plays at the plate.

6. Sportsmanship & Conduct

- **Zero tolerance** for fighting, abusive language, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Ejection = removal from the game and possible suspension from the tournament.
- Only the Head Coach may talk to the umpire regarding calls.

7. Umpires & Protests

- Umpires' calls are **final**.
- Protests must be made **before the next pitch** and must involve rule interpretation, not judgment calls.
- The tournament director will review any formal protest.
- Championship games plan to have 2 umpires (may be altered due to availability)

8. Weather & Schedule

- Games may be delayed or shortened due to weather.

9. Refund policy

- no games played receive 75% refund, one game played receive 50% refund, 2 or more games played, no refund is given.
- A game is considered official after **3 innings**.
- Tournament director reserves the right to modify rules or schedule for time/weather.

10. Awards & Bracket

- Top 2 teams in each division will receive **trophies or medals**.
- Bracket placement determined by:
 1. Win-loss record
 2. Head-to-head
 3. Run differential
 4. Coin toss (if necessary).