

# 2026 SPRING FLING TOURNAMENT RULES

## April 17-19, 2026

1. **Idaho Softball rules of play apply to all games.**
2. **Home team text final scores to 208-880-5840**
3. **The tournament format is a 4 game guarantee with 3 pool play games. Pool play standings will then seed into a single elimination bracket. Seeding is determined by record, head-to-head, points allowed, points against, and then a computer generated coin flip. Pool play is a DROP DEAD issue. The game ends at that time, no matter where in the inning the game stands. The score at the time limit is the final score. The score does not revert back to the last full inning.**
4. **Pool Tiebreakers:**
  1. Record (Winning pct, number Wins)
  2. Head-to-Head (Used only when all tied teams have played each other)
  3. Points Allowed (An average is used if teams have not played an equal number of games)
  4. Points Scored (An average is used if teams have not played an equal number of games)
  5. Computer Generated Coin Flip (A system random number generator breaks ties at this stage)

Note: If the system can not break ties at a particular tiebreaking stage, the system will move to the next tiebreaker and not return or revert back to a previous tiebreaker.

Note about the Head-to-Head tiebreaker: Head-to-Head is ignored if all tied teams do not play each other at least once. For example, if three teams are tied, and one team plays the other two, but the other two do not play, this tiebreaker is ignored (regardless of the outcome of the two games played by the first team).
5. **Game time is forfeit time, unless a team is delayed by a late running game. Teams that play back-to-back and must change fields will have ten (10) minutes to do so before the start of their next game.**
6. **Umpires shall keep time. Umpires shall announce starting game time and it shall be recorded in the official scorebook. Official scorebook is 'Home book'. Under no circumstances shall announcement of remaining time in game by the scorekeeper be considered official. Home team will be determined by a coin flip during all tournament games. Home book shall report scores to the tournament director or assistant director immediately following the game.**
7. **During pool play, time limit is one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes. This is a "drop dead" time limit. In pool play, teams can use either the standard Idaho Softball batting order, with Flex and DP, EP or they can bat their entire roster. Any game stoppage, in the last (2) minutes, of this time limit will result in a pause of the time.**
8. **During bracket play, official game is seven (7) innings or expiration of time limit. "Time limit" is one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes no new inning. If the score is tied after the "time limit" has been reached, tie breaker rules shall take effect no matter the inning. The tie breaker rule of Idaho Softball Rule 5 Sec. 11 is in effect for the- tournament, and will be used at "time limit". There is no 'drop dead' in bracket play. In bracket play, standard Idaho Softball batting order, with Flex and DP, EP, or they can bat their entire roster.**
9. **Championship game play, official game is 7 inning, run rules apply**

- 10. Idaho Softball runs ahead rule applies – 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, or 8 after 5 innings. Idaho Softball Rule 5 Sec. 9**
- 11. Each team shall be at its designated field 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time, unless changing fields under Rule 2 above. Dugouts are first come, first serve.**
- 12. Coaches, players, substitutes, and other bench personnel are subject to Idaho Softball Rule 5 Sec. 12 on dugout conduct. Dugouts will be left clean after each game. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DUGOUT TRASH.**
- 13. Good conduct and the highest regard for sportsmanship is to be practiced by all coaches, players, parents, and spectators. There shall be no heckling or unsportsmanlike harassment of the opposing team players or coaches. Casual profanity rule will be in effect for players, coaches, and spectators. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in ejection from the facility- Umpire and tournament director discretion apply.**
- 14. Use of artificial or LOUD noisemakers such as cow bells, air horns, sirens, whistles, and ‘clappers’ are prohibited by players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Offenders will be issued one warning. Thereafter any violation will result in ejection from the tournament complex for the duration of the game in which the violation occurs.**
- 15. There shall be NO use of any tobacco or alcohol within the softball complex by any personnel, coaches, parents or fans. USA Softball has determined that E-Cigarettes and vapor technology are TOBACCO and use is prohibited during all Junior Olympic fastpitch softball tournaments/events. Offenders will be removed from the complex, and be subject to prosecution.**
- 16. NO PETS ARE ALLOWED (leashed or unleashed). GALS Quad is posted as a NO DOGS, NO ROLLERBLADES/ ROLLERSKATES, NO SKATEBOARDS FACILITY by City Parks and Rec under Caldwell City ordinances. GALS Quad is also posted NO BICYCLES/ NO SCOOTERS. These are considered safety hazards within the crowded complex. Offenders will be asked to remove the animal or equipment from the complex, and be subject to removal themselves for failure to comply with such a request.**
- 17. No hitting of regular softballs into the chain link fencing. VIOLATORS WILL BE WARNED ONCE, SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION BY THE SAME PLAYER(S) MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS. Wiffle balls and softie balls used in soft toss drills are permitted. Infield practice in foul territory only. No other pre-game infield use permitted. Bullpens and a batting cage are located on the north and east corridors. **ANY PLAYER WARMING UP A PITCHER PRIOR TO OR DURING A GAME MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR UNDER USA Softball RULE 3, SECTION 5.****
- 18. Protests are handled under Idaho Softball Rule 9. All protests must be made immediately by notifying the plate umpire in accordance with that Rule. The protest committee shall consist of the tournament director or assistant director, the Umpire in Chief (unless he/she is officiating in the protested game, in which case a senior umpire will replace the UIC for that protest), and one other senior umpire.**
- 19. The tournament committee reserves the right to make rulings not specifically covered herein, which are deemed to be in the best interest of**

**the tournament. All decisions rendered by the tournament committee are final.**

**20. Team trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams and individual awards.**

**21. COVID 19 is still a public health issue in our community. Please remember to maintain good safety and health practices.**

**22. The QUAD RULES are in effect as well. Please advise your fans.**

- NO DOGS OR PETS BY CITY ORDINANCE**
  - NO SMOKING, VAPING, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES**
  - NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**
  - NO BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, LONG BOARDS, ROLLERSKATES, ROLLERBLADES, HOVER BOARDS, ETC.**
  - NO PROFANITY OR DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR**
  - NO OUTSIDE GRILLS, OPEN FIRES, OR GLASS CONTAINERS.**
- VIOLATIONS ARE PENALIZED BY REMOVAL FROM THE COMPLEX AND/OR CONFISCATION OF ABOVE SAID ITEMS.**

**Thank you for participating in the 2026 GALS Spring Fling Tournament. Enjoy your tournament experience. Good Luck.**

**GALS Board of Directors**