

**ROANOKE AREA YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**RULES FOR 2026 END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT**

ALL NFHS RULES AS MODIFIED BY THE RAYSA REGULAR SEASON LOCAL RULES SHALL APPLY, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. All teams must register with the RAYSA Executive Director at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the RAYSA END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT by submitting a Preliminary Roster and Team Entry Fee of \$200.
2. Players and coaches that appear on a RAYSA regular season roster for that age group may appear on only one tournament team roster. Players may play in an older age group with no restriction for level of play next year. The tournament team roster, consisting of no more than fifteen players and three coaches, must contain player/coach full name, zip code, regular season team, player's birth year, and coach's phone number & email. Final rosters must be submitted to the executive director prior to playing the first game and cannot be changed after the start of the team's first game. **Only rostered players and coaches will be allowed in the dugout area during tournament games.**
3. Prior to the start of the game, teams are to flip a coin for home/visitor. The flip is to be witnessed by an umpire or other league official. Dugouts are first come, first served. **Teams may warm-up on their half of the outfield beyond the base lines (no infield or pitching warm-up on the game field or sidelines).** Both teams are to supply two new or near new RIF game balls.
4. Regular season time limits apply (except the tournament director may adjust start times and time limits to meet schedule demands). The game clock will start when the umpires arrive at the field. Tied games must be played until a winner is determined. The regular season tie-breaker rule will apply starting at the end of time limit, or in the seventh inning for 17U games and the sixth inning for all other games, whichever comes first. Curfew limits do not apply.
5. During tournament play, the run ahead rule shall be in effect as follows: a team who leads by twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings, ten (10) runs after four (4) innings, or eight (8) runs after five (5) innings is declared the winner. The game will end when a team has been mathematically eliminated. A team may concede at any time.
6. No protests will be accepted. The umpire's decisions are final. **Head coaches will be held accountable for the sportsmanship and conduct of their players, fans, and coaching staff. If an individual refuses, when asked to leave the site by an umpire or site supervisor, the game shall be stopped immediately and a forfeit will be awarded to the non-offending team.**

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