

NORTHCOAST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES 2026

Coaches, thank you for registering for one of our 2026 tournaments. All Games will be played at **Lions Park 305 S Washington St., Castalia, OH 44824** and **Fabens Park 1 Fabens Way Huron, Oh 44839**

Teamsnap Tournaments will be the app we use for the tournaments to keep scores and standings up to date. Simply download the app and search for the event you are playing in and follow along.

Reminders:

Event Fee: \$20 per vehicle for the weekend, valid at all fields. Each vehicle receives a pass on its first entry—keep it on the dashboard and show it at every field. Each team gets two free coach entries; after those two check in, all additional coaches pay the \$20 fee. No refunds. All proceeds support the community.

Castalia Lions Park has one of the best concession stands in Ohio but Northcoast Tournament LLC has no responsibility or part of concessions or vendors.

Food in the area: Cold Creek Cafe, Subway, Village Pizza, Frosty Frog Dairy Queen. We are located only 15 minutes from Sandusky and they have a large variety of restaurants.

As always we will do our best to provide a great experience for the teams and fans. With that being said BAD SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. There will be zero tolerance for unruly coaches, players, or parents during the weekend. Please share this with your families.

Rain policy We will do everything in our power to play a complete tournament. In the event of rain please be patient and let us check fields, and we will communicate decisions with the head coaches.

Refund policy 0 games played 75% refund 1 game played 50% refund 2 or more games played 0 refund. The tournament has the right to modify game length, # of games, and game times in the event of bad weather. There is no refund of the \$20 event fee.

What I need from coaches before your first game.

Rosters, Proof of insurance, USA sanction#, concussion certificate, Ace certification for at least one coach are to be turned in before your first game. The registration tent will be set up in the outfield on the third base side of Field D at Lions Park and at the Pavilion in the back of Fabens Park in Huron or you can simply snap a picture of these documents and email them to jaycaconi@yahoo.com

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We will follow ASA rules unless noted below. All teams will play a minimum of 4 games weather permitting. The Polar Bear Classic is a 5 gg this year weather permitting.

All games are 75 minutes, finish the inning. Pool play games may end in a tie. Elimination games use the international tiebreaker, starting with a runner on second base, no outs. The runner is the last recorded out, unless that player is the pitcher or catcher and needs a courtesy runner, in which case it goes to the previous out.

Teams pay umpires at the plate before each game.

10u \$45 per game

12u-18u \$60 per game

A coin toss will be used for all pool play games. Bracket play the higher seed will be the home team.

No practice or warmups on the fields, Make sure your team is ready to play 30 minutes early. We want to stay on schedule the best we can.

No protests will be heard. Tournament directors' decision is final.

BATTING LINEUP: Teams can bat their entire roster and substitute freely on defense, if this option is chosen a team must declare roster batting before the game begins and stick to that choice for the entire game. Because this is the team's choice, **if a player leaves the lineup for any reason that spot in the order will be an out the first time through the order. After that the spot will be eliminated from the lineup.** ASA lineup rules using the DP and Flex are also an option.

RUN RULES

15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5

POOL PLAY TIE-BREAKERS

1. Head to Head
2. Runs Allowed
3. Runs Scored
4. Coin toss

*****If there are more than 2 teams tied then head to head is thrown out and we will use Runs allowed**

A forfeit is considered a 7-0 win.

Playing with a different age group is allowed. You can not play with 2 teams in the same age group though.

Courtesy runners are encouraged for pitchers and catchers at any time during the inning especially when there are 2 outs. Use a player off the bench--if no players are on the bench then the last out recorded will be the courtesy runner.

Boom boxes are permitted if they are set at a reasonable sound level. It can not have derogatory, sexual or abusive language. The judgement of the sound level and language is based solely on the judgement of the Tournament Director or umpires.

The music boom box may be turned on 10-15 seconds prior to the batter entering the batter's box and must be turned off at the very second that the batter enters the batter's box.

Bracket Play will start on Sunday. We will run both a Gold and Silver bracket in each age group as long as we have enough entries. All teams will know of this prior to the start of the weekend tournament.

10u Championship games will have a 90 minute finish the inning time limit.

12u-16/18u Championship games will not have a time limit. Run rules will still be in place.

