# Indoor Tournament Rules: Quick Reference Guide

**Governing Rules:** Modified ASA/USA Rules | **Contact:** Cory Bryan | (419) 540-2136 | tournaments@nwoladyirish.com

## 📋 Administration & Facility Policies

- **Official Schedule & Updates:** Only the online schedule at nwoladyirish.com (via TourneyMachine) is official. Coaches must opt-in to TourneyMachine texts/emails for schedule changes.
- **Score Reporting:** Coaches must text final scores immediately after each game to **(419) 540-2136**.
- **Facility & Dome Rules: NO metal cleats**, pets, or grills are allowed inside the dome.
- **Outfield Fencing: Zero tolerance** for pushing down fences to improve views—offenders face immediate facility ejection (no refund) and their team's coach receives an official warning (2nd warning = tournament ejection).
- **Warm-Ups & Dugouts:** Be ready to play **5 minutes early**. Only **5 minutes** between games—**NO on-field pre/post-game huddles**. Incoming teams may stage gear at the end of the dugout. Limit batting cage use at RSC to **25 minutes** per team.
- **Refunds:** Deposits are non-refundable. No refunds for withdrawals within 30 days of the start date.

## 🥎 General Game Play & Lineups

- **Pitching Distances:** 8U: 30' | 10U: 35' | 12U: 40' | 14U+: 43'.
- **Lineups & Courtesy Runners:** Submit lineup cards to the umpire before the game (no additions once accepted).
  - *Bat Entire Roster:* Free defensive substitutions; courtesy runner is the last batted out (unless unused subs are listed on the card). Injuries do not trigger an automatic out unless the lineup drops below 9.
  - *Bat 9 or DP/Flex:* Standard substitution rules; courtesy runners must be unused substitutes.
  - *Limit:* Courtesy runners may run for the pitcher **or** catcher, not both in the same inning.
- **Dome Roof & Field Rules:** Balls hitting the roof/overhead obstructions are dead/foul balls **UNLESS** hit in fair territory and landing over the outfield fence in fair territory (Home Run). *Field 1 at The Dome only:* Balls landing on top of or clearing the left-field batting cages are a Home Run.
- **Pace of Play:** 3 warm-up pitches in the 1st inning (or for new pitchers); 1 pitch thereafter. 30-second mound visits. Batters keep one foot in the box for signs. Intentional stalling results in umpire-awarded strikes (offense) or balls (defense).
- **Protests:** Rules interpretations only (no judgment calls). Must notify umpire/scorer before the next pitch and pay a **$100 fee** upfront (refunded if upheld).

| ⏱️ Pool Play vs. Bracket Play Formats **Feature** | **Pool Play - revert back applies** | **Bracket Play (Non-Championship) - revert back applies** | **Championship Games - no revert back - finish the inning** |
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| **Time Limit** | **65 Mins Drop Dead** (or 7 inn.) | **65 Mins Drop Dead** (or 7 inn.) | **60 Mins Finish Inning** (or 7 inn.) |
| **Ties** | Games may end in a tie | Must have a winner (ITB rules) | Must have a winner (ITB rules) |
| **Mercy Rule** | **None** (play full 65 mins) | **12** after 3 \| **10** after 4 \| **8** after 5 | **12** after 3 \| **10** after 4 \| **8** after 5 |
| **Home Team** | Coin flip (Home book official) | Higher seed choice (Higher seed official) | Higher seed choice (Higher seed official) |

- **International Tie-Breaker (ITB):** Used if tied after regulation/time limit in Bracket/Championship play. Previous batter in the lineup starts on 2nd base; all batters start with a **1-1 count**.

## 🔄 Drop-Dead Revert Back Rules (At 65-Minute Buzzer)

*Note: Any pitch released before the buzzer, the play will complete until the ball is returned to the circle; if that play records the 3rd out in the bottom of an inning, the inning is complete and does not revert unless tied in bracket play..*

- In Pool Play:
  - *Visiting team batting:* Score always reverts to the last completed inning.
  - *Home team batting:* If tied or ahead, game ends with current score. If trailing, score reverts to the last completed inning.
- In Bracket Play (Excluding Championship):
  - ***Visiting team batting****:* Reverts to the last completed inning. (If the previous completed inning was tied, play continues from the current spot).
  - ***Home team batting****:* If the home team is leading or takes the lead, the game ends immediately. If the visiting team is leading, tied, or even took the lead in the top half, the score reverts to the last completed inning at the buzzer. **UNLESS** the previous inning was tied, in which case play continues from the current point (and moves to ITB if still tied after the inning).
- **Championship Games: No revert back.** Finish the current inning; play ITB if tied.