



UNCLE CHARLIE'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams should report to the assigned field at least 1/2 hour before game time.
2. Lineup Cards will be necessary and must include Players First, Last Name, and Number.
3. IN POOL PLAY - Home Team/Visitor will be determined by coin flip. IN BRACKET PLAY – The Higher Seed is the Home Team. HOME TEAM IS THE OFFICIAL BOOK.
4. USA RULES APPLY IF NO SPECIAL RULES INTERCEED.
5. NO PROTESTS!!!!
6. NO INFIELD BALLS DURING THE GAME AFTER THE 1ST INNING.
7. NO INFIELD WARMUP BETWEEN GAMES.
8. Starting Pitcher will be allowed 5 warm up pitches her first inning & 3 warm up pitches thereafter. All new pitchers will be awarded the same.
9. ALL POOL PLAY GAMES will be 75 MIN (Finish the Inning).
10. During Pool and Bracket games there will be FREE defensive substitutions, and you may elect to Roster Bat.
11. **IN POOL PLAY, if a Game ends in a TIE, It is recorded as a TIE.**
12. When the game is over, teams must leave the field immediately no shaking hands. We will be on a tight schedule so please adhere to this!
13. Teams are responsible for trash collection of dugouts following their game.
14. Mercy Rule: 15 Runs After 3 Innings, 12 Runs after 4 Innings, and 8 Runs after 5 Innings.
15. **TIE BREAKERS FOR BRACKET PLAY:**
 - 1). Record, 2). Head to Head, 3). Runs Allowed, 4). Run Differential (recorded as a 7 Run Max/Game) , 5). Runs Scored.
16. Courtesy Runner can be used: A Courtesy Runner MAY be any Eligible Substitute who has not been in the game; if Roster Batting, the courtesy runner can be any player, but if said player is on base at the time of their scheduled at bat, they are declared out.
17. DURING ELIMINATION BRACKET PLAY: GAME TIMES ARE 75 MINUTES FINISH THE INNING & NO NEW INNING AFTER 75 MIN. **EXCEPTION: Semi-Finals (90 Minutes Finish the Inning) and Final Game will be played to completion unless run rule occurs.**
18. In BRACKET PLAY, the tiebreaker will be in effect when 7 innings have been completed or the time limit has expired, whichever comes first. The International Tie Breaker will be used; the base runner is the last batter to complete an at-bat in the previous inning. At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score. If the score remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until a victor emerges.
19. A list of ILLEGAL BATS will be provided to all coaches on the coach's email. Please abide by the rule for player safety!
20. RAIN & Bracket Information, along with the Weather Line, WILL BE POSTED ON TOURNEY MACHINE, and follow Twitter for Updates! @uctournaments