



## AFA 2024 Nationals Rules

All teams must show their current roster, insurance, and must carry birth certificates

The **American Fastpitch Association** follows the [National Federation of State High School Association](#) rules with some variations. If you would like to order an NFHS softball rule book you may do so by going to [www.nfhs.com](http://www.nfhs.com) and selecting the 2020 Softball Rules Book. The American Fastpitch Association does not receive any portion of the cost of purchasing the NFHS rule book.

Teams must check in one hour prior to their first game at the AFA site booth.

First base team dugout team listed in pool and top in bracket play.

Coin tosses will determine the home team in pool play games. Higher seeds will get the option of being the home team in an elimination play. Undeclared teams in elimination can have the option of being the home team if facing a one loss team, despite seeding.

## **Double Elimination**

All pool games are 1 hour and 30 minutes no new innings

Semifinals and Championships games in each Gold Divisions are 7 inning games, 6 innings for

10u

Games may end in a tie during pool play

Elimination games must have a winner

Teams need to be prepared to play up to 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time

Games may be moved to different fields in order to insure games stay on schedule

Teams may use DP/Flex and 2 Extra hitters (EH) for a total of 11 hitters max/12 players

In the event the game goes to international tiebreaker the player who is due to bat last is placed  
on second base.

Mercy rules: 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, 8 runs after 6 innings

Coaches, please remember to sign up for the app for updates on fields, scores, and other event  
information.

It is recommended that your team carry a first aid kit and ice packs.

Sportsmanship is a must. Ejected players and coaches may need to sit the following game. Final  
decision will be made by the UIC.

**Absolutely no alcohol, vaping, or smoking at the parks. The  
cities in Utah will fine violators. Coaches are responsible for  
their parents and fans.**

Fan/Spectator Behavior: A fan/spectator that exhibits unsporting behavior and is removed from a  
game will at a minimum be required to leave the immediate playing field and exit to the closest

parking lot. The situation will be reviewed, and any additional consequences may include the fan/spectator non-admittance for additional games, or the remainder of the tournament.

### **PLAYERS MAY ONLY PLAY ON ONE ROSTER DURING THE EVENT**

Ineligible players will be removed at the time of discovery and suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The head coach will be removed from the game, suspended a minimum of one additional game and **UP TO** one year at the discretion of AFA..

Any coach or player ejected from a game will sit out a minimum of the following game and **UP TO** one year at AFA discretion.

Artificial Noise Makers: artificial noise makers are allowed at any park. While it seems to be a bit strict, noise makers can escalate a potential minor situation into something that is much more severe and unpleasant for all involved.

Please let the previous team clear the dugout before entering.

metal cleats ok for 14u, 16u, 18u

Download the West Coast AFA tournament ap to follow live scores

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/west-coast-afa/id1255908124>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.exposure.westcoastafa>

Pool Standings Tie Breakers:

W/L Record;

Head to Head play (if two teams tied have each played each other in pool)

Run allowed;

Runs scored;

Coin toss

If three teams are tied in pool, but only two have played head to head, those two teams decide who is seeded higher by head to head. Both of those teams that have decided head to head tiebreaker, now measure runs allowed vs. the third team.

Example

Team A (8 runs allowed) , Team B (7 runs allowed), Team C (6 runs allowed) finish 2-2.

Team A beat Team B and neither played Team C

Order as follows:

1. Team C lowest runs allowed, played neither team.
2. Team A beat Team B head to head, more runs allowed than Team C
3. Team B lost head to head to Team A, more runs allowed than Team C.

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