

Pacific Asian American Softball Tournament

Welcome to the 1st Annual Pacific Asian American Softball Tournament.

We want this tournament to be a fun and friendly competitive tournament. As you know this will be our first tournament to host which we are limited to teams and fields. There will be 3 divisions of play, Open, Novice and Seniors (55 and over).

Due to the 7 Novice and 3 Open teams registered to play, we have decided to combine the divisions and play with these modified rules as follows:

Five-Run limit per inning

Teams are limited to five runs per inning, except for the final inning of the game in which each team may score an unlimited number of runs. The umpire must announce the last inning unless it is the seventh inning.

*** An OPEN Team will need to give up 5 runs playing a NOVICE Team prior to start of game.**

Mercy Rule – (ALL DIVISIONS) If a team is behind 20 runs prior to time expiring at the completion of an inning, the game will be declared a mercy/completed game with no open inning and the team in the lead declared the winner. Due to class run limits per inning, if it's mathematically impossible for a team to bring a deficit down under 20 runs prior to time expiring and the completion of an inning, the game will be declared a mercy with no open inning and the team in the lead declared the winner.

Flip Flop Rule - The flip-flop rule will be invoked in any game when there is a 10-run differential in favor of the visiting team at the start of the "open inning." If the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs, the home team will remain at bat and start a new at-bats (beginning their seventh or last inning at-bats), meaning all runners on base will return to the dugout. It will be an open inning. If the home team fails to tie or go ahead of the visiting team, the game ends and the visiting team wins. If the home team ties or goes ahead, the visiting team takes its turn at bat. If the game is declared a completed game due to a mercy, flip-flop rule will not apply since there will be no open inning.

We are implementing these rules so that every team will have a chance to compete and play rather than seeing games end early due to a run blowout and time expiring. We want all to enjoy.

Thank you,
PAAST Committee