

LAGUNA NIGUEL SEA COUNTRY CLASSIC

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament will be played under ASA rules with the following exceptions and modifications:

1. All teams must check in at the registration table at least one (1) hour prior to their first game. All teams must register at NIGUEL HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL. You may send one designated person for check-in. The registration table will be open from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, 6/2/06. **DUE TO HIGH TRAFFIC VOLUME AT NIGUEL HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL; PLEASE DO NOT ENTER SCHOOL FACILITIES PRIOR TO 4PM ON FRIDAY.** Managers must present proof of insurance, proof of age and individual photo for all players. Proof of age can be any one of the following documents: ASA Player ID Card, or birth certificate. **WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE, A PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY... NO EXCEPTIONS.** Completed team roster must be turned in at this time. No player may play on more than one roster.
2. This tournament is for ASA "B" and "C" all-star teams only. No "A" Travel Ball Teams are allowed at this tournament.
3. Each team is to supply their own insurance and agrees to hold harmless any and all individuals, organizations, and governmental bodies for any injury that may occur due to their participation in our tournament.
4. Individual trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. Trophy ceremonies take place on the field following the completion of each championship game.
5. Tournament softballs will be furnished by Laguna Niguel Girls Softball and are the official ASA balls.
 - 8 & Under Division 10" Worth RIF, Optic
 - 10 & Under Division 11" Worth RIF, Optic
 - 12, 14 and 16 & Under Divisions 12" Worth Dream Seam

6. Distances:

Division	Pitching	Bases
• 8U	30 Feet (No Coach Pitching)	55 Feet
• 10U	35 Feet	60 Feet
• 12U, 14U, & 16U	40 Feet	60 Feet

7. A team may bat 9 batters (10 permitted in 8U) per ASA rules and may use the DP/Flex option, and report all changes to the umpire, or may bat round robin with unlimited defensive changes. A team that bats round robin must list all players present at the time the lineup is provided to the umpire in the batting order; no substitutes can be listed. Players arriving late may not be added to the lineup if the team is batting round robin. Substitutes, including players not present at the beginning of the game, may be listed on a lineup if the team bats 9 batters per ASA rules. Both teams will declare their batting format to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Once a format has been declared for a game and lineups are exchanged, the teams may not change their batting format for that game. Teams may change their batting format from game to game and opposing teams do not have to bat in the same format. If a team is using the round robin format, and any player leaves the game for any reason (e.g., injury, illness, ejection, etc.), an out against that player will only be charged the first time the player's turn in the batting order is reached.

8. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and catcher only. If a team bats 9 batters per ASA rules, the ASA courtesy runner rules are in effect. If a team bats round robin, the courtesy runner must be the last player to have been declared "out" (either as a batter or as a baserunner). If the last player to have been declared "out" is either the pitcher or catcher, then the courtesy runner would be the next player in the lineup to have been declared "out".

9. During Pool Play a 1 hour and 20 minute drop dead time limit will be in effect, with a revert back as set forth in para. 10 below. For pool play, the International Tie-breaker rule will be in effect after 7 innings only if time permits. The Tie-breaker must be completed within the drop dead time limit; otherwise, the game will remain tied.

10. For pool play, when time expires, the score will revert back to the last completed inning, except as follows:

- a) If the home team is batting when time expires and is leading, the score shall stand as-is when time expires,
- b) If the home team is batting when time expires and the score is tied, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning, unless the home team was trailing at the beginning of the inning and has tied the score in their final at-bat, in which case the game will remain tied.

11. **During Elimination Play** no new inning is to start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. There is **no drop dead** time limit during elimination play and once an inning is started, it will be played to completion. International Tie-breaker applies after 7 complete innings or after the completion of the last inning started within the 1 hour and 30 minute rule, whichever is earlier.

12. Championship games will be 7 innings with no time limit. Exception - 8 & Under Division Championship game will be 6 innings with no time limit.

13. ASA run ahead rule will be in effect for all games: 15 runs ahead after 3 innings, or 8 runs ahead after 5 innings.

14. During Pool Play, the 2nd team listed will occupy the 3rd base dugout. During Elimination Round and Championship play, the team listed on the bottom of the bracket will occupy the 3rd base dugout. **Exception: A team playing back to back games on the same field will not be required to change dugouts.**

15. A coin toss by the umpire prior to game start and in the presence of team representatives will determine the home team. Team lineups must be exchanged at the time of the coin toss. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall lose by forfeit (score recorded as 7-0). **Exception: Teams playing back to back games at different locations will be afforded a grace period.**

16. Official score sheets will be distributed prior to the game. The Home Team will be responsible for keeping score on the official score sheet. It is recommended that each team provide their own scorekeeper, and that they check the score between innings to avoid any controversy. Official score sheets will be given to the umpires at the completion of the game. Official scorekeepers are not responsible for announcing "out of order" batters. Team

managers and umpires will be required to sign the official score sheets upon completion of game.

17. Infield practice will not be permitted. Utilize foul territory and grass areas.

18. Sliding is required in all divisions to avoid a collision.

19. Metal cleats are not permitted.

20. No jewelry or metal hair clips will be worn during games. Plastic visors are not allowed. Matching Uniform shirts are required and must be tucked in.

21. Sunflower seeds are not permitted in the dugout or bleachers.

22. At the completion of pool play all teams within a division will be ranked within their own pool according to the following criteria:

- A. Win/Loss/Tie Record (For clarification purposes, a tie is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ Win & $\frac{1}{2}$ Loss)
- B. Head to Head Results (Exception: See C. below)
- C. At the completion of pool play, if 3 or more teams within a pool have the same record, then those teams will be ranked as follows, regardless of head to head results:
 - 1) Least Runs Allowed
 - 2) Most Runs Scored
 - 3) Run Differential
 - 4) Coin Toss
- D. Least Runs Allowed
- E. Most Runs Scored
- F. Coin Toss

23. It is the coach or managers responsibility to check the "official" result board (located at Niguel Hills Middle School) for game schedules, time changes or other information that may change during the tournament. For convenience, an "unofficial" result board will be posted at the Aliso Viejo facility.

24. 10-U Specific Rules:

- A. Teams will field 9 defensive players.
- B. No dropped third strike.
- C. No infield fly rule.
- D. Home plate is "closed" in all situations, but a runner may be awarded home plate under ASA rules.
- E. ASA Rule 8, Section 4, (G) (regarding 10-U specific rules for baserunners being entitled to advance with liability to be put out) is in effect for 10-U division.

25. 8-U Specific Rules

- A. Teams may field 10 defensive players.
- B. No dropped third strike.
- C. No infield fly rule.
- D. Home plate is "closed" in all situations, but a runner may be awarded home plate under ASA rules.
- E. ASA Rule 8, Section 4, (G) (regarding 10-U specific rules for baserunners being entitled to advance with liability to be put out) is in effect for 8-U division.

26. There will be no protests during Pool Play. During the Elimination Round and Championship Play, all protests will be **finalized** on the field by the home plate umpire and a tournament representative. Protests shall be governed by ASA Rule 9, Sections 1 through 4 and 7. Sections 5 and 6 will not be in effect.

27. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff and fans on and off the field. Unruly behavior, vandalism, unsportsmanlike conduct, destruction of property or similar activities will not be tolerated. Any coach or fan that is ejected from a game will be required to leave the field and not be visible to the team or umpires for the remainder of that game. A second ejection of anyone associated with that team will result in the team's removal for the remainder of the tournament. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**

28. Dogs or pets of any type are strictly prohibited at all of the fields. Barbeque grills of all types are strictly prohibited at all fields and parking lots. A full snack bar will be provided at each facility, except Crown Valley Park. RV

and/or trailer parking is prohibited in the parking area behind Niguel Hills Middle School. RV and trailer parking may be available in the parking lot in front of Niguel Hills Middle School and in the school parking lot at Aliso Viejo Community Park. However, overnight parking may not be permitted, depending on city ordinances. Equipment drop-off locations will be made available for coaches to drop-off their equipment prior to parking.