

Tournament Rules Summary



2025 Independence Classic

All games follow USA Softball / ASA rules, with these exceptions:

75-minute time limit will be in effect for **ALL** games, including championship games.

Game time begins upon conclusion of the home plate conference.

Innings will be completed.

Home team: Coin toss determines home team in pool games. Higher seed is the home team in Sunday championship round games.

Run rule: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5.

Teams may bat as many as they wish.

DH can be used.

Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed for players who are in the batting line-up.

Courtesy runner for pitchers and catchers allowed.

First option is a runner who has not participated in the game.

Second option is player who made last out.

Tie Games...Pool games will end in a tie when games are tied at the end of 7 innings or when the time limit has been reached. The International tiebreaker will be used for all bracket and championship games until a winner is determined.

Pool Tiebreakers: (1) Head-to-head (2) Fewest runs allowed (3) Most runs scored (4) Coin flip

All other rules will be governed by the USA rules of softball. Decisions made on the field of play by umpires will be final.

Games may be shortened, rescheduled, or canceled due to weather if deemed appropriate by the tournament director. Updates will be communicated by email, text and Facebook.

All other decisions and judgments regarding the operation of the tournament will be made by the tournament directors – Kailyn Bates and Kim Bryson