

WEST SENECA GIRLS SOFTBALL 2009 TOURNAMENT RULES

The format shall be round robin into the pool elimination round. There is a four (4) game guarantee. In case of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to change tournament format as well as guaranteed number of games.

1. Ages: 14, 16 or 18 under as of January 1st, 2009.
2. NSA official rules will apply except where noted otherwise. Protests are to be resolved at the time of the protest. Chief Umpire will make final decision on protests.
3. Rosters are to be submitted at least ½ hour prior to a team's first game. Birth dates, players' names and uniform number are to be included on each roster; birth certificates must be available upon request. Each team must have their insurance certificate present for all games. **Each team must supply a phone number where the head coach or his representative may be contacted in case of last minute schedule changes.**

Seedings for Sunday will be determined after completion of Saturday games around 8:30 PM. Each team will be notified of their game time, opponent and field number, we will have numerous teams to call so do not ask questions about your next opponent.

4. Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
5. Home team will be determined by coin flip. The home team will be the official scorer. In elimination rounds, the higher seed will be the home team.
6. Diamonds are not to be used for infield or batting practice before games. No hitting (soft toss) into fences, if you plan to practice hitting please bring a net to hit into
7. Games are scheduled for 7 inning except:
 - a. No new inning to start after 1:30 minutes of play. Timers will be used for all games, they will be started at first pitch, and the only time they will be stopped during a game is for an injury or official protest.
 - b. International tie breaker after 7 innings or 1:30 minutes of play
 - c. Mercy rule in accordance to NSA rules:
 - i. 12 runs after 3 innings
 - ii. 10 runs after 4 innings
 - iii. 8 runs after 5 innings
8. Round Robin standings will be determined by:
 - a. Best record
 - b. Head to Head record
 - c. Least amount of runs allowed
 - d. Coin flip

9. All teams advance to the playoff round in accordance to assigned schedules. All 4th Games will be played on Sunday, number of teams will determine elimination schedule.
10. Semi Final and Championship games will have no time limits; mercy rules however will remain in effect.
11. Each team is responsible for their own insurance; neither WSGSA nor the Town of West Seneca assumes any responsibility for accidents or injuries.
12. Any team having to forfeit in the round robin play, will be charged with a 7-0 loss.
13. Players are limited to playing for only one team in any age group throughout the tournament.
14. Game balls will be provided; they are to be returned to the concession stands after the completion of each game.
15. Rosters are limited to fifteen (15) players.
16. WSGSA tournament directors reserve the right to change rules as required.
17. In the event of shortening of the Tournament due to unforeseen circumstances: The final standings will be awarded as follows: the highest remaining seed will be declared Champions, the second highest remaining seed will be declared runner-up. Under no circumstances will the tournament be extended past Sunday.