

NATOMAS SHOOTOUT RULES

SPORTSMANSHIP IS A MUST

“Good sportsmanship occurs when teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials treat each other with respect. Kids learn the basics of sportsmanship from the adults in their lives, especially their parents and their coaches. Kids who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike way gradually come to understand that the real winners in sports are those who know how to persevere and to behave with dignity — whether they win or lose a game.”

- Steve Sanders, PhD

It is the Coaches and Managers job to check the bracket board prior to your game(s) for any changes. Any changes made will be posted. CHECK IN BEFORE EVERY GAME!!!!

Team listed on the top of the bracket take the 3rd base dugout unless occupied from previous game.

** Score Keepers: It is **Highly Recommended** that score keepers sit together. If there is a problem with the books it needs to be sorted out.

- (1) Double Elimination Bracket. No new inning after 1 hour 10 minutes. Game time is forfeit time!
- (2) ASA RUN RULE will be in effect
 - 15 after 3 innings
 - 12 after 4 innings
 - 8 after 5 innings
- (3) 5 RUN RULE per inning for 12's DIVISION and 4 RUN RULE for 10's. This means no team can score more than 5 (or 4) runs per half inning. *If a team is behind more than 5 (or 4) runs when time expires and can not catch up, the game will be called.*
- (4) NORCAL PITCHING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE USED AND ENFORCED (7 INNINGS/2 GAMES).
- (5) ***HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING IN LINE UP SLIPS, GAME REPORT FORMS AND FINAL SCORES TO THE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS AT THE COMPLETION OF EVERY GAME.***
- (6) Home team will be the official scorekeeper. IF HOME TEAM IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPERS, VISITOR WILL HAVE THE OFFICIAL BOOK. PLEASE TURN IN FINAL SCORES AS NOTED IN #5 ABOVE.
- (7) NO INFIELD PRACTICE BEFORE GAMES.
- (8) Flip for home at game time with the umpire.
- (9) CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES WILL BE TIME LIMIT OF 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES OR 7 INNINGS, whichever comes first. THESE GAMES WILL HAVE OPEN PITCHING, THE RUN RULE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. All ties will be played off. In case of a tie at the end of the time limit, a runner (**being the last batted out from the previous inning**) will be placed at **second** base. IF THE TIE IS NOT BROKEN, AN ADDITIONAL INNING WILL BE PLAYED WITH A RUNNER (being the last batted out from the previous inning) being placed on **third** base.
- (10) **12 GIRLS MUST PLAY 12 CONSECUTIVE OUTS.** THIS MEANS 2 CONSECUTIVE INNINGS = 12 OUTS. CONSECUTIVE MEANS "CONTINUOUS", IN A ROW, WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, SUCCESSIVE. **PLEASE DO NOT CHALLENGE THIS ISSUE!**
If 9 girls are present, the game will count. If more than 9 girls, but less than 12 are present, all girls must play 12 consecutive outs. 12 player/12 consecutive outs criteria MUST HAVE BEEN MET BY THE END OF THE

FIFTH INNING (i.e. subs must go in by top of the 4th inning) after which the starting players may reenter the game if additional innings are played. When you put your substitutes in the game in the top of the 4th inning, your intent is to play these players their full 2 innings even if the game ends prior to their 2 full innings.

EXCEPTION: in the event a player is injured and has not met the requirements of playing 12 consecutive outs, it will be so noted in the scorebook BY THE UMPIRE that the player left the game due to injury. **Remember an injured player MAY NOT REENTER THE GAME.**

(11) You may finish a game with 8 players if all substitutions have been made and if a player is deemed injured by the umpire. (The playing requirements of 12 consecutive outs will be waived if the umpire so notes the player left game due to injury.) The player may not re-enter the game and play. An OUT will be declared each time for her turn at bat.

(12) You may play by the short handed rule (8 players), however, if for any reason you drop to 7 players the game will be forfeited.

(13) NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND WILL BE WORN. THIS INCLUDES WATCHES, EARRINGS, NECKLACES, ANY FORM OF BRACELETS. EXCEPTION: MEDICAL BRACELETS/NECKLACES AND THEY MUST BE TAPED TO THE PLAYER

(14) **YOU PROVIDE YOUR OWN SCOREBOOK.**

(15) All helmets which have buttons for chin straps, including fitted helmets, **must** be worn with a chin strap and facemask. No exceptions!

(16) Must have an insured female over the age of 18 in the dugout. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit.