2014 Colorado Freedom Invitational Girl's Softball Tournament
Tournament Rules

ASA rules will be used with and in conjunction with the following:

14U WILL BE PITCHING FROM 43 FEET AND CAN WEAR METAL CLEATS

1. **Time Limit:** No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from first warm-up pitch of game for 14U and 12U divisions. Game time is kept by umpires on the field, or the field clock. A new inning starts with the third out of the previous inning. Umpires will keep the games moving to help get 7 innings in, so please cooperate & keep the players moving.
2. **Run Rule:** 10 runs after 3 innings, 8 runs after 4 innings, 6 runs after 5 innings,.
3. **International Tie Breaker Rule:** (Applies only to tournament games and not pool play games). At the time limit of a tied game or at the end of 7 innings, the next inning starts with a runner (last batter from previous innings) at 2nd base. The next extra inning will have the runner starting at 3rd base. In games with 3 umpires, the rule does not apply until after the 9 inning has been completed and the runner will start from 2nd base every time.
4. **Pool Play Games:** Winners of each pool play game will receive two points. Losers of each pool play will receive 0 points. If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or at the time limit each team will receive 1 point. No tie breaker or extra innings will be played.
5. **Pool Winners Determined by:** (1) Most points accumulated, (2) head to head, (3) least runs given up in head-to-head games of tied teams, (4) most runs scored in head-to-head games of tied teams, (5) least number of runs allowed in pool play, (6) most runs scored in all pool games, (7) coin flip. In case 3 or more teams are tied we select 1 team & if 2 are still tied we will continue the process, not start over at step one.
6. **Warm-ups:** Pitchers may warm up in the far corner of the field (on the warning track) as long as her coach is with her. Infield warm-up is not allowed. With the completion of one game the next game will start ASAP. It may start early if both teams are ready. Please be ready.
7. **Home Team:** A flip of the coin will decide the home team 30 minutes before scheduled game time. The home team will take the 3rd base dugout unless in the back-to- back games. At the time of the flip, both teams will exchange line-ups. At the home plate conference, prior to start of the game, a copy of the line-up will be given to the umpire. Home team is the official scorer. Please report score to field director within 15 minutes of completion of the game.
8. **Protests:** All protests will be accompanied by $200 cash and be lodged at the time of the protest. All protest will be decided By the UIC.
9. **Tournament Format:** The tournament director reserves the right to change the format if the situation dictates due to foul weather etc. Teams playing less than 4 games will receive a partial refund of entry fee. All steps will be taken to finish the tournament. In case of changes the team manager is responsible for locating the tournament director and find out about the changes made. The official schedule is the board posted at the concession in Community Park.
10. **Complete Game**: a game is complete if 4 ½ innings (if home team is ahead) or more are played. If the game is called before completion, the game will resume at that point of interruption. Otherwise, if it can't be completed, it constitutes a complete game at the point of the last full inning completed.
11. **Forfeit Time**: Game time is forfeit time unless a team is held up by a late running game. Then the team will have 10 minutes to change fields. The tournament director reserves the right to change field assignments to stay on time.
12. **Uniforms**: Teams must be in like uniforms and coaches must be in team colors. Players will not be allowed to play with jewelry of any kind.
13. **Dugouts**: Home team will use the 3rd base dugout. Please exit the dugout immediately following your game. (Other teams are waiting to enter dugout). No smoking in the dugout, and only players coaches, scorekeepers, and batgirls allowed in dugout.
14. **Birth Certificate**: Have them with you. If you wish to question the eligibility of someone you must do so before the games starts.
15. **Pick-Up Players**: Pick-up-players are allowed as long as the roster does not exceed 18 players and your local ASA commissioner has approved the additions.
16. **Sportsmanship:** Any player or fan displaying unsportsmanlike behavior will subject themselves and or team to suspension from the game and or forfeit of the game and or tournament.
17. **Softballs**: The tournament will provide Wilson Softballs. We will use the ball rotation system. When a ball goes out of play the pitcher is given another ball. She may use the fouled ball when it is returned through the umpire. A pitcher may not wait for the fouled ball to be returned. Please assist us in getting balls back in play quickly.
18. **No glass containers or alcohol are allowed at the tournament.**
19. **Participation**: You participate in this event at your own risk, and realize that the activities may have an element of hazard. You take full responsibility for your actions and physical condition. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless ASA, its agents, the umpires, CO Freedom Limited, the Broomfield Department of Recreation Services and their employees, and Worth from any liability, loss, or expense (including attorney fees, medical and ambulance costs).
20. Catchers must wear masks when warming up pitchers.
21. All batting helmets must have chin straps and face masks.
22. **Roster Batting will be allowed in <u>Pool Play ONLY</u>**.
23. **UNSPORTSMAN LIKE BEHAVIOR** - Any player or coach ejected anytime during the tournament will also be ejected for the next game. Any player, coach, or fan displaying said behavior will subject themselves &/or their team to suspension from the game and/or a forfeit for the game/tourney. This could also prevent the team from participating in next year's tournament.