

1. Games will consist of a 55 minute running clock or seven innings. No new inning will start after 55 minutes. The game clock will start at the scheduled game time or 5 minutes after the previous game. The clock will only stop when deemed necessary by the official.
2. Home team will be determined by a coin toss. The championship game, home team is the undefeated team. The "if necessary game" home team is determined by a coin toss.
3. **Roster** – due before the first team game and may not be added to during the tournament.
4. A team consists of 10 players; a minimum of 9 players is needed to start a game. An automatic out will be given when the 10th position is scheduled to bat. Forfeit time is game time. No grace period will be given to start a game.
5. You may bat up to 15 batters. The batting order should be in an alternating woman/man rotation. There may be as many women hitting back to back as you like, but never men.
6. 12 inch ball for the men when hitting and an 11 inch ball for the women when hitting.
7. The positions must be filled as follows:
 - a. Pitcher/catcher (one must be a man and one must be a woman).
 - b. You may not have more than 2 men playing in the infield or outfield.
 - c. The pitcher/catcher does not count as an infielder.
 - d. Women can out-number men, but men can never out-number women.

**Outfielders must be positioned behind the painted arc before each pitched ball, and cannot cross the line until the ball has been hit. If crossed before the ball has been hit, the batter will be given a single or the result of the play.

**Infielders must remain on the dirt when a female is up to bat until the ball has been hit.
8. **Walks** - If a man walks then the woman following him has the option to hit or take a walk only if there are two outs, if there are less than two outs she must bat. If the woman chooses to hit, the man is still advanced to second base.
9. **Home Run Rule** – Each team is allowed three home runs per game. Any home run after the three is an out. Women may hit an unlimited number of home runs.
10. **Bat information** – All bats **MUST** have the official NSA 2012 stamp on them. All bats are subject to umpire/UIC inspection and can be removed from the game.
11. **Mercy Rule** – If a team leads the game by 20 or more runs after the 3rd inning, 15 or more runs after the 4th inning, 10 or more runs after the 5th inning is complete, the game will be called.

12. **Courtesy runners** – 1 courtesy runner per team per inning for the batter only. Courtesy runner does not have to be the last out in that inning or the previous inning. The courtesy runner must occupy the base, once time has been called, prior to the next pitch. If their turn to bat coincides with being on base, the at-bat will be an out.
13. Playing with an ineligible/illegal player will result in game being called a forfeit and said player will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
14. All teams must register with NSA online at www.playnsa.com before the tournament starts.