



2026 Wheatfield Classic Tournament Rules

1. **Head coaches are to check in with the Tournament Director 30 minutes before the start of their first game where they will be given the game ball for their first game. Rosters and proof of insurance must be presented before play can begin**
2. Tournament play will be per USA Softball rules, except for the following:
 - a. 15-run rule after 3 innings, 12-run rule after 4 innings and 8-run rule after 5 innings will be in effect for all games.
 - b. Sunday only: The USA Softball tiebreaker will be used after 7 innings of play or when the time limit has been reached. (Games in Pool Play on Saturday can end in a tie after time limit.)
 - c. No new inning shall commence after **two hours** (2:00) of play, except Championship games, when there will be no time limit.
 - d. The team listed first on the schedule for Saturday will be the home team and should occupy the 3rd base dugout, unless a team is playing back to back games on a field and will not be expected to move in between games. On Sunday, the higher seed will be the home team.
 - e. The home team will be responsible for the official score and book during the game.
 - f. The Tournament Director will settle all protests on the field with the umpires involved.
 - g. No infield practice will be allowed prior to the start of the game. Warmups in foul territory are permitted.
 - h. Free substitution for injured player is allowed. Injured player may not re-enter.
 - i. All teams will have the option of batting their entire lineup on Saturday and Sunday. If you choose not to bat your lineup, play will be governed by USA Softball rules.
3. Pickup players will be allowed for all USA Softball eligible players.
4. Head coaches, players, and fans are expected to display sportsmanlike conduct on and off the field. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for removal from the tournament.
5. Placement in the Sunday brackets will be based as follows:
 - a. Teams will be seeded from #1-#6 using the tiebreakers below. The top two seeds will get a bye to the semifinals.
6. Tiebreakers for seeding:
 - a. Winning percentage in Saturday play
 - b. Head-to-head play
 - c. Runs allowed
 - d. Runs differential
 - e. Runs for
 - f. Coin Flip

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!! GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!!