

**2007 OC Fall Ball**  
**Pumpkin Tournament Rules**  
**12U - 14U**  
**Hosted by LNGS**  
*(revised 10/5)*

*A.S.A. Rules shall apply except as modified below*

**Tournament Format:** This tournament has a 3 game guarantee. All teams will play 2 pool play games and then will be seeded within their own pool. Each division will play a single elimination bracket round and some divisions may start the elimination games on Saturday evening.

**Game Time** is forfeit time; no new inning starting after one (1) hour and 20 minutes.

**Championship Games** – 7 innings, if the score is a tie, the International Tie Breaker will be used.

**Elimination Games:** No new inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes, if game is tied after last completed inning, International Tie Breaker will be used.

**Pool play games** will have a “**drop dead**” time limit of one (1) hour and 30 minutes.

**Drop Dead Rule:**

- If the visiting team is up to bat at the time game time is called, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
- If the home team is up to bat at the time game time is called and they are losing the game, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning.
- If the home team is up to bat at the time game time is called and the home team has tied up the game **IN THAT HALF INNING**, the score shall stand and will **NOT** revert back.
- If the home team is up to bat at the time game time is called and the visiting team has tied up the game **IN THE PREVIOUS HALF INNING**, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.
- If the home team is up to bat and is leading, the score shall stand and will **NOT** revert back.

**Pool Play games may end in a tie.** (Note: In case of a Tie in the first game of a four team pool, the winner of the coin toss will have the choice of playing in the winners bracket or the losers bracket)

**Pool Play Seed** will be determined in the following order:

- A. Win/Loss Record
- B. Head to Head
- C. Runs allowed

- D. Runs scored
- E. Coin toss

**Home Team** - shall be determined by the coin toss prior to each game. The home team is the official scorekeeper.

**Dugout** – First team listed (pool play) or top of the bracket occupies third base dugout. If a team is playing consecutive games on the same field, no dugout change is necessary.

**Batting Order** – Round Robin Format is mandatory.

**Balls** – Only ASA authorized Worth softballs will be used as follows:

12U and 14U: 12" Worth C12RYL Dreamseam Optic Yellow w/Red Stitch

**Run Limits** - Same as the Fall Ball 2007 Rules per division: 12U and 14U (6) run limit for the first (4) innings, unlimited runs starting in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**Mercy Rule** – 10 runs ahead after 5 completed innings or 4 ½ for the home team. ASA Rule requires a team to field at least 8 or more players or the game is subject to forfeit

**Substitutions** - Free defensive substitution is permitted. No player shall sit out more than two (2) consecutive innings.

**Pitching Rules:**

12U and 14U division will have unlimited pitching outs

*Once a pitcher is removed from the pitching position she may return only once per game back to the pitching Position*

**Courtesy Runners** are for the Pitcher, Catcher of record, and an injured player only.

The courtesy runner will be the last out (last recorded out - either Batter or Runner).

Note: If a courtesy runner is used for an Injured Player and the Injured Player returns to play in the game, NO Courtesy Runner will be allowed for **that player** for the remainder of the game.

**Late Arrival/Early Departure:**

- Late arriving players may be added to the bottom of the batting order.
- Players leaving early from a game will be stricken from the batting order with NO penalty or out taken. However, the player will NOT be allowed to return to the game.
- NO out will be taken for injured players not able to take their turn at bat. However, they shall NOT be allowed to return to play in the game.

**PROTESTS: All umpire decisions are final. Protests regarding on-field rulings will not be accepted. Local tournament director(s) will be consulted ONLY on issues involving OC Federation guidelines (minimum play, pitching limits, etc.).**

All games will be played at Niguel Hills Middle School in Laguna Niguel (LNGS home fields). Directions can be obtained from the OC Fall Ball website <http://www.mvgs.org/ocfallball/ocmaps.htm> , or from the Laguna Niguel Girls Softball website [www.lngs.org](http://www.lngs.org)

In the event of rain, please call the city of Laguna Niguel sports fields hotline at (949) 362-4351, ext. 3. The hotline is normally updated by 7:00 a.m. in the event of rain.

Niguel Hills Middle School is Capistrano Unified School District property and therefore, **smoking, drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited**, which includes the parking lot. There are also **NO DOGS** permitted on school grounds. Anyone violating these rules will be asked to leave the school grounds immediately.

Please also observe the NO PARKING zones in the parking area behind the school. NO PARKING zones are identified with yellow paint and additional zones will be identified with orange cones. Please also do not park in the parking zones reserved for UMPIRES ONLY. Parking is strictly enforced and violators blocking the entry and exit passages will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.