

2021 NAGAAA CUP

RULES



- **Time Limits:** No New Inning after 55 minutes for pool play; No New Inning after 60 minutes for double elimination; no time limit for Championship and If-Games
- **Home and Visitor:** Home team designation is pre-determined for pool play; for double elimination, the higher-seeded team is home team; for the Championship Game, the home team is the team without a loss in double elimination going into the Championship game, regardless of seed; for If-Game, there will be double coin flip to decide home team with both teams having a loss in double elimination.
- **Pitch Count:** All plate appearances begin with a 1-and-1 count.
- **Courtesy Foul:** A batter is allowed one (1) courtesy foul after two strikes
- **Pitch height:** USA Softball pitch height between 6 and 12 feet.
- **Courtesy Runners:** There is a courtesy runner allowed only one time, for one batter, each inning. Runners used for players as part of an ADA allowance do not count as a courtesy runner.
- **No Base Stealing**
- **Run Rule:** USA Softball Run Rule in effect for ALL games – 20 runs after 3 innings; 15 runs after 4 innings; 10 runs after 5 innings.
- **Tie Game in Pool Play:** Ties are allowed in pool play; the international tiebreaker is applied for extra innings in any double elimination game when the game is tied after seven complete innings or the expiration of time, whichever occurs first. The last player in the lineup from the prior inning begins on second base. The offense may use either a courtesy runner or a substitute for the runner who begins the tiebreaker inning on second base.
- **Uniforms:** Must be like-colored and have a number; all hats will be a baseball-type cap, non-plastic visor, or head band and worn properly. No other headwear will be allowed.
- **Homeruns Allowed:** A – 4, B – 2; Any over-the-fence homerun over the limit in a game results in an inning-ending out for the team at bat in all divisions. NAGAAA follows USA Softball “hit and sit” rule which states that batters are not required to touch the next base after the umpire signals an over-the-fence home run.
- **Interdivisional Play:** The NAGAAA Cup follows a unique format where A Division teams routinely play B Division teams within pool play and double elimination. When an A and B team play one another the home run limit is that of the lower division team. (EX: When an A and B Division team play one another, the home run limit per team in the game would be 2 for each team, matching the B Division limit. An inning-ending out would apply after the second over the fence home run in the game for each team.)
- **Pick A Stick:** NAGAAA Cup follows Pick-A-Stick rules meaning that all bats are provided by the tournament for use in every game of pool play and double elimination. No personal bats are allowed to be used nor are any personal bats allowed to be visible in the dugout during every game. Further, Pick-A-Stick bats **CANNOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE DUGOUT AT ANY TIME**. Any player bringing a Pick-A-Stick bat outside of the field of play will be **ejected immediately**.
- **Ejections:** Any ejected player must leave the field area immediately. The applicability of subsequent game suspension rests solely within the authority and discretion of the Athletic Director.
- **Rainout Rule:** Games stopped for inclement weather after five innings shall be considered a completed game. Note: The tournament staff will do everything it can to complete all games in the tournament in the event of inclement weather. Should inclement weather halt play, the tournament has the authority to award placement in the tournament by alternative methods including, but not limited to declaring co-champions.

