



2025 Connecticut Invitational
12u Division: July 10 – 12th, 2026
10u: July 17 – 19th, 2026
Tournament Rules

**Below is the information for our tournament, please read thoroughly and share with your families.
If you have any questions, please email me at jeffrey_beeman@hotmail.com.**

Tournament Contacts:

- Jeff Beeman (Tournament Director) - (203) 988-5082
- Jaymie Sommers (12u Site Manager) – (860) 884-3828
- Scott Gronbach (10u Site Manager) – (203) 828-8802
- Al Rosenberg (Umpire In Charge) - (860) 276-7946

Disclaimer: Participants, coaches, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

Pre-Tournament Preparation

The Connecticut Invitational is an FPN Affiliate event. Please provide valid proof of insurance, IN ADVANCE of the tournament. These insurance certificate should be emailed to the tournament director, jeffrey_beeman@hotmail.com. Please also include a cell phone number for the head coach of your team, in case we need to contact you.

All team rosters need to be updated on the PlayFPN site, by 8 am Friday, prior to start of any tournament games in your age division. Any players not properly registered on FPN site will be declared ineligible

and not allowed to participate. USA, USSSA or manually created rosters will not be considered. Teams must use the online FPN roster process.

For 12u division, please send ALL documents via e-mail no later than Wednesday, July 8th. For 10u division, please send all documents by Wednesday, July 15th. Please include your team name and age division in the subject line.

Tournament Location: Following are the field locations for this tournament.

- 12u: Cheshire High School located at 525 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410
 - Cheshire HS Varsity Field
 - Cheshire HS JV Field
- 10u: Cheshire High School located at 525 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410
 - Cheshire HS Varsity Field
 - Cheshire HS JV Field

Fields, Warmup, and Safety Rules

- If your field is not occupied, you may warm up on your field prior to the game. If your field is in use, there is plenty of free grass space to warm up at all game locations.

Tournament Set Up:

1. Each team is scheduled to play 4 games minimum: 3 pool play games to be played on Friday night and/or Saturday. Seeding for all teams will take place at completion of pool play games, with playoff bracket format to be single elimination.
2. Coin tosses will take place before each pool play game, to determine the home and visitor team. For bracket play, whichever team has the better seed gets to select home or away.

FPN Tournament Website:

- We will be utilizing the FPN Website to manage the tournament and provide updates to teams for schedules, scores and seeding.

Game Rules:

1. Games will be played following FPN Softball Rules. Umpires will have final say on all rules and calls on the field.
2. All POOL PLAY games will be 80 minutes. No new inning will begin after one hour and twenty minutes. The clock begins with the first warm-up pitch. If the home team takes the lead while on offense at any time after the 80-minute period, they become the winner. Ties are allowed in POOL PLAY games only.

3. For POOL PLAY games, teams may bat 9 or more players, up to their full roster using EH for any player not starting in positions on the field. Any players not in the starting lineup that are not listed as an EH must be entered by substitution. DP/Flex lineups (10 players, 9 batting) may be chosen and are also allowed with additional EH players. Any player not in the starting lineup as a DP, Flex, or EH must be entered via substitution.
NOTE: For 10u division, there are no limitations with substitutions or number of players in batting order, on either day of competition.
4. All SINGLE ELIMINATION (PLAY DOWN) games, through Quarterfinals, will be timed with no new inning to begin after 80 minutes. The game will continue past 80 minutes until the inning is completed. If the game is tied at the completion of that inning, the game will continue until a winner has been determined. All innings that begin after time has expired will be utilizing the international tiebreaker with the last batted out from the prior inning starting on 2nd base. **IF THE LAST BATTED OUT IS THE PITCHER OR THE CATCHER, THE COACH MAY USE THE 2ND TO LAST BATTER**
5. SEMI FINAL games will be 6 innings or no new inning to begin after 90 minutes. Tiebreaker rules follow the same format as regular single elimination games.
6. CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL will be 7 full innings, not timed.
7. Courtesy runners may be used for a pitcher or catcher. If batting less than a full roster, the courtesy runner **MUST** be a player not currently in the game. If batting the full roster (or no subs remain available), then the courtesy runner would be the most previously batted out (that is not the pitcher or catcher).
8. Run Rule: The game ends if a team leads by (12) after 3 innings, (10) after 4 innings, and (8) after 5 innings, or prior ½ inning if the home team is holding that lead prior to their at bat.

Age Related Rules

1. No slashing can take place in 10u division.
2. Dropped 3rd strike is in effect for all divisions.
3. There are no limitations with substitutions or number of players in batting order for 10u on either day of competition.

Other Rules and Regulations

1. Any game that is forfeited for any reason is treated as a 7-0 score.
2. We will use the following criteria to determine seeding for bracket play:
 - a. Overall Record
 - b. Defensive Runs Allowed/per game average

- c. Offensive Runs Scored/per game average
 - d. Average Run Differential
 - e. Coin Flip
3. All game softballs should be returned to the umpire at the conclusion of the game or placed in the white ACE buckets.
 4. The game time is under the control of the umpires on the field.
 5. Both teams should connect and make sure the correct score is recorded. Both teams should text the age group, team names, and score of the game to Tournament Director, Jeff Beeman at (203) 988-5082 and your age division site manager (contacts listed below). Example: 14U, CT Charge: 6 vs CT Thunder: 2.
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 - Jaymie Sommers (12u Site Manager) – (860) 884-3828
 - Scott Gronbach (10u Site Manager) – (203) 828-8802
 6. The team manager is responsible for the actions of their entire team including spectators. Any ejections made by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct are for the entire tournament. This holds true for coaches, players, and spectators. Note, if any player, coach or spectator is ejected (by the umpire or tournament site manager) from the game, they have 10 minutes to leave the field and park or the team will forfeit the game. Any player, coach or spectator that is ejected, is not allowed to participate in or attend any games for the remainder of the tournament. Any violations of this policy will result in forfeiture of game(s).
 7. Umpires will have final decisions on all rulings.
 8. Players and coaches are the only individuals in the bench area or on the field of play. Please ensure that there are **NO spectators directly behind home plate**.
 9. The home plate umpire is responsible for keeping all changes made in the game. All substitutions should be reported to the plate umpire who in turn will report the changes to the opposing team.
 10. In the event of rain or wet/unplayable conditions, it is the decision of the umpires to determine if it is safe to start or continue all games.
 11. Team and individual awards will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each division at the end of the championship game.
 12. This tournament is pay at the plate for umpires, \$80 per team, per game. Championship games are covered through your entry fee and paid by the host team.
 13. Jeff Beeman is the Tournament Director for the Connecticut Invitational. If you should have any questions or comments about the tournament, please contact Jeff at (203) 988-5082 or email him at jeffrey_beeman@hotmail.com

Rain Policy

Refunds will be given according to the following policy:

- 2 Games Started = no refund will be provided
- 1 Game Started = 60% refund will be provided
- No games started = 80% refund will be provided