

Welcome to the Santa Clara P.A.L.

**Tony Sanchez Invitational Softball
Tournament**



May 26 - 28, 2017

**Mission College / Central Park / Marsalli Field
8U, 10U, 12U**

All managers must check in 60 minutes prior to their team's first scheduled game.

General Admission \$3, Senior Citizens \$2, Children under 12 are free (applies only to Mission College location)

Free entry to 3 Coaches and team players - to be provided at check-in desk when you enter the gate/stadium at Mission College.

One cooler per team is allowed – water, sport drinks, and fruit (please no outside food allowed. This is our annually fundraiser so we appreciate your support).

Players and Coaches Eligibility Requirements and Conditions:

All divisions are USA Softball Sanctioned Junior Olympic Softball 'B' and 'C' Division Tournaments. All teams in these divisions must be registered with USA Softball and be Class 'B' and 'C' Teams as defined by the Pacific Coast Region Junior Olympic program. Rosters must be signed by League President and ASA Commissioner.

12U Division - 12 years and under as of January 1, 2017

10U Division - 10 years and under as of January 1, 2017

8U Division – 8 years and under as of January 1, 2017

Tournament Rules:

- The rules of play will be those in the 2017 USA Softball.
- All ground rules will be explained to the captains and managers by the umpire prior to each game.
- In all disputes the manager/coach will be the only one allowed to talk to the umpire.
- No protests will be allowed. The umpire or Umpire-in-Chief decisions are final.
- Each team is responsible for knowing when and where their games are and to be on time according to the schedule. A 5 minute grace period will be given before a game is forfeited.
- There is no infield practice.
- 15 minutes before each game, each manager will submit a line-up card to the score booth.
- Teams listed first will occupy the third base dugout. Except when a team is playing back to back games, at which point that team will stay in the dugout they already occupy.
- For Championship Sunday, the higher seed will occupy the third base dugout.
- Home team will be determined by coin toss during Pool Play.

- Home team will be determined by the higher seed during Championship Sunday bracket play.
- Home team is the official book.
- Time limit is 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- No new innings after 80 minutes (Santa Clara City states that no innings may start after 10:30 pm). There will be no time limit for the final Championship game.
- Mercy rule will be 12 run lead after 3 inning of play, 10 run lead after 4 innings or 8 run lead after 5 inning of play.
- Tie games:
 - a) Pool games may end in a tie.
 - b) Sunday games – tie games after 7 innings will proceed to International Tie Breaker. Each team will start the subsequent innings with the 9th scheduled batter for that inning on second base.

2017 Tournament Format:

8U (8 teams), 10U (max 8), 12U, (14 Teams)

- Teams will play 3 games of Pool Play on Friday/Saturday.
- After pool play, teams will be seeded for Championship brackets. If teams have identical records after pool play is complete – tie breakers will be determined as follows:
 - a) Head to head
 - b) Fewest runs allowed
 - c) Most runs scored
 - d) Coin toss
- In 12U, the top 7 seeds will play in the Sunday Gold Bracket. The remaining 7 sees will play in the Sunday Silver Bracket.
- Please note the new 2017 USA Rules governing the 8U Division. Notably that the 8U division has no coach pitch, allows walks, has no limit on the number of innings a pitcher can pitch and allows for the stealing one base per pitch (except home).

Santa Clara City Park Rules and Regulations:

- **Parking Fee: Mission College will be charging a fee of \$3 per parking pass/ per day - obtain parking stub from parking machines located in the parking lots. Failure to do so may result in a parking ticket**
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on park premises or adjacent parking areas. Violators are subject to a \$500 fine.
- The use of any tobacco products is prohibited.

- Anyone who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner on or off the playing field or causes any incident or action unfavorable to the Tournament may be removed by the Tournament Director or designated official.
- Any situation not covered in this document will be resolved by the Tournament Director or designated official.
- Score booths will be open for official team scorekeepers, please keep the booth clean.
- No sunflower seeds are allowed at Mission College per Mission College policy.

General Rules:

1. All sanctioned 8U Tournaments will be classified as "C".
2. All 8U teams are classified as "C" and must be formed using approved guidelines.
3. Game ball: 10" low compression softball.
4. Base Distance: 60 Feet
5. Pitching Distance: 30 Feet
6. Games: 6 Innings
7. For the first 3 innings, there will a 5 run per inning maximum. Open thereafter.

Time Limit:

No new inning may begin after 1 hour 20 minutes. 1 hour 30 minutes for Championship Game(s).

Game Break:

Each team must receive at least a 20-minute break between games.

Base Running:

3. Runners may steal one base per pitch. No advancement on an errant throw. No stealing home.
4. Lead off permitted on release.
5. **Overthrows:**
 - a. **On a throw to first base the following occurs.** No batter can advance to second base as a result of an errant throw to first base. All other runners may only advance one base past the base they are going to on an errant throw to first base with liability of being put out if the ball stays in live ball territory.
 - b. **On a throw to any other base or position.** If, on a throw to any other base an errant throw occurs, all runners and batter/runner may advance one base past the base they are going to with liability of being put out.
 - c. The umpire will only award a base to the runners if the ball has been thrown out of play. No bases will be awarded on errant throws when the ball stays in play.
 - d. Runner and batter/runner may be put out if they advance beyond the base they are entitled to on the errant throw. At the end of play the umpire will return all runners to the base they are entitled to if they have not been put out.

Fielding:

1. 10 players may be allowed on defense in the field at any one time, four of which must be outfielders. Outfielders must position themselves at least 10 feet behind the baseline.
2. No Infield Fly Rule.
3. Play stops when a ball, hit to outfield, gets in the control of the pitcher, who is in the infield.

Batting:

1. Everyone bats and free defensive substitutions.
2. No advancement on a dropped 3rd strike.