



Burlingame Girls Softball
2011 Annual Billie Sue Tournament
10U / 12U / 14U Tournament Rules – 2011
Revised 6.16.2011

1. **All teams must be registered with ASA** and be a Class 'B' or Class 'C' team, as defined by the current Pacific Coast Region JO Handbook.
2. **Check-in** is no later than 1-hour prior to your first game, at which time you should be prepared to submit proof-of-insurance and a Simple Letter Roster, if not previously submitted. The Main Desk at Ray Park will be the check-in desk for all venues.
3. **Proof of age** is required. The burden of proof lies with the manager if challenged by official protest. We recommend teams carry proof of age to all games.
 - 10-Under Age Classification. A player born after December 31, 1999
 - 12-Under Age Classification. A player born after December 31, 1997
 - 14-Under Age Classification. A player born after December 31, 1995
4. **All games** will be governed by the current year official ASA Fastpitch Rules, except as modified by BGS local tournament rules as stated herein.
5. **Game Time:** Game time is forfeit time. In rain situations, please do not leave the fields as the schedule may be adjusted without prior notice.
6. **Time Limit:** No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes from first pitch of the game. Game time is kept by umpires on the field. A new inning starts with the third out of the previous inning. Umpires will keep the games moving so please cooperate & keep the players moving. Pool play games may end in a tie.
7. **Run Rule:** 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings.
8. **Tie Breaker Rule** (Applies only to tournament games and not pool play games): At the time limit of a tied game or at the end of 7 innings, the next inning and subsequent innings start with a runner (last out from previous inning) at 2nd base.
9. **Pool Play Games:** Winners of each pool play game will receive two points. Losers of each pool play game will receive 0 points. If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or at the time limit each team will receive 1 point. No tie breaker

or extra innings will be played. A forfeit is a 7-0 win and the forfeiting team will receive minus 1 point. Forfeit scores will not be thrown out for purposes of seeding when a team is playing 4 pool games.

10. Championship Play: Seeding criteria, and if necessary the tournament winner shall be based upon (in order):

- a.) Points Per Game (Win = 2 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points, Forfeit = -1 point)
- b.) Head-to-Head Play
- c.) Fewest Runs Allowed Per Game
- d.) Most Runs Scored Per Game
- e.) Flip of a coin

Games will only count if complete.

11. Complete Pool Play Game: a game is complete if 4 ½ innings (if home team is ahead) or more are played or if time has expired. If the game is postponed before completion, the game will resume at that point of interruption and as soon as possible. Otherwise, if it can't be completed, it constitutes a complete game at the point of the last full inning completed.

12. Home Team: Teams listed first on the schedule for each game will occupy the 3rd base dugout (unless occupied by the opponent, having just completed a game on the same field). Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of each game.

13. Line-up: Each manager must submit a line-up card to the Umpire and opposing team 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. Line-up card will include player's last name and uniform number.

14. Players: A team consists of 9 players. A team may not start with fewer than 9 players. Full catchers equipment to be worn (helmet, mask, shin guards, chest protector) by catcher. Batting helmet must have chin straps. All batters, on deck batters and runners must wear helmets while on the field. All players must wear their official team uniforms with their shirts tucked in. Wearing of jewelry is prohibited unless it is religious or medical and then it must be taped down for safety. Metal spikes are prohibited.

15. Softballs: The tournament will provide Wilson or comparable Softballs. We will use the ball rotation system. When a ball goes out of play the pitcher is given another ball. She may use the fouled ball when it is returned through the umpire. A pitcher may not wait for the fouled ball to be returned. Please assist us in getting balls back in play quickly.

16. Scorebook: The designated home team will be responsible for keeping the official scorebook for the Game and for reporting the scores at the main desk at Ray Park either in person or by texting the information to 650-479-HITS (4487). If you are unable

to send a text please call this number and leave a voice message. Please include division, team names, and scores.

17. Protests: All protests must be lodged at the time of the incident. All protest will be decided as soon as possible by the UIC.

18. Sportsmanship: Coaches are responsible for their players and parents conduct during a game. Any player, coach, or fan displaying unsportsmanlike behavior will subject themselves and/or their team to suspension from the game and/or forfeit of the game/tournament. Any parent or coach asked by the UIC to leave the premises at any tournament venue must do so immediately.

19. No glass containers or alcohol allowed at the tournament. In addition, no GUM, FOOD, BEVERAGES other than water, SUNFLOWER SEEDS, or any SHELLED NUTS are strictly prohibited on Franklin Field, Osberg Field, or Burlingame High School Stadium Turf Fields

20. Participation: You participate in this event at your own risk, and realize that the activities may have an element of hazard. You take full responsibility for your actions and physical condition. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless BGS, its agents, the umpires, the Burlingame Department of Parks & Recreation and their employees, the Burlingame School District, and The San Mateo Union High School District from any liability, loss, or expense (including attorney fees, medical and ambulance costs).

The Fine Print: The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the rules, schedules, brackets, and field locations as needed to complete the tournament. Every attempt will be made to honor the game minimum – however, if a situation develops where a team forfeits or the weather does not cooperate the Tournament Director will make an attempt to reschedule games, shorten games, or cancel games in order to complete the tournament in a timely fashion. The tournament may be considered complete if 40% of games are played. In case of changes, the team manager is responsible for locating the tournament director and find out about the changes made. The official schedule is the board posted at the concession in Ray Park. A non-official schedule will be posted at Burlingame High School and on the BGS Website

No refunds will be provided after June 3rd, 2011. BGS will make an attempt to fill a vacated team slot or the withdrawing team may find their own replacement for their slot and if successful a refund will be considered.

Tournament Contacts:

Gary Bell, Tournament Director: 650-218-7000

Score Reporting Number: 650-479-HITS (4487)