



2026 WHITBY EAGLES SUMMER SLAM TOURNAMENT



1. PWSA / Softball Canada rules, including the 4 innings/position rule, will apply with any exceptions listed below
2. Free substitutions will be allowed on defense only, all players must bat
3. Courtesy Runner “2 out for the catcher **must** be used”. The Courtesy Runner for Pitcher is optional, as per PWSA rules. A courtesy runner may be used in case of injury to any player. The injury must have occurred during tournament play.
4. Teams must be available and ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
5. Complete team roster is to be submitted prior to or at time of registration at the tournament, with the Tournament Convenor. No additional players can be added to your roster after the 1st pitch, of the first game. If a player, or players are not playing in the first game, they may play in subsequent games if their names on the roster handed in prior to the first game.
6. A team, who has borrowed a player from another team to participate in the tournament, must obtain and submit a letter of permission from the Head Coach of the team the player is registered with. If a letter of permission is not provided, the player will not be covered by insurance and is ineligible to play.
7. Any team found to have an ineligible player(s) will be disqualified from the tournament and reported to the PWSA.
8. There will be no infield practice on a game diamond.
9. “Home Team” will be decided by flip of a coin by the plate umpire. The home team is responsible for the official score keeper. The home plate umpire is responsible for the official time.
10. The home team is to confirm the score with the opposing team and submit the score of their game to tournament staff at their table or through the tournament’s WhatsApp chat group immediately following the completion of the game.
11. “Game Length” will be regulation seven innings with the following exception:
 - For Round Robin games
 - i. no new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes
 - ii. will ‘drop dead’ at 1hr 45mins. The umpire keeps the official time and will provide the start time to each team *after the home plate conference* at the start of the game. Home team will not bat if ahead in the last inning. If Home team takes the lead in the last inning, the game will end
 - For Playoff games
 - i. no new inning will start after 1:45 mins
 - ii. will ‘drop dead’ at 2hrs. The umpire keeps the official time and will provide the start time to each team *after the home plate conference at the start of the game*. Home team will not bat if ahead in the last inning
 - iii. the ‘Mercy Rule’ will apply. If at the completion of 7 innings and the game is tied, the International Tie Breaker rule will apply.

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12. "Mercy Rule" is in effect for all games, including medal games.
 - 15 runs ahead after 3 completed innings
 - 10 runs ahead after 5 completed innings
13. In case of a tie at 'Drop Dead' or 7 full innings, the game will remain a tie during round robin play.
14. Scoring:
 - U11 to U15 (all tiers): Innings 1 through 4 are capped at 5 runs maximum. All other innings of the game are open
 - U17 and older (all tiers): Innings 1 through 4 are capped at 7 runs maximum. All other innings of the game are open
15. Teams will be awarded 2 points for a 'win' and 1 point for a 'tie' to determine final standings for the Round Robin. In order to break a tie after round robin play, division standings will be decided by
 - (1) Win/Loss Record. If still tied, then:
 - (2) Winner of games between the tied teams. NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other, and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher.
 - (3) Difference plus or minus runs scored to a maximum of seven (7) total runs scored of completed innings.
 - (4) Least runs allowed.
 - (5) Most runs scored.
16. No protests will be accepted. Umpires' decision is final.
17. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third
18. Forfeit games will be scored 7-0
19. Proof of age must be available upon request by the tournament convenor
20. Tournament Convenor(s) have the right to alter the tournament format if necessary due to circumstances beyond their control (i.e. weather, time, etc.)
21. Player/Coach/ Parent/Spectator misconduct will not be tolerated. Head coach is responsible for their teams conduct players/coaches/parents and will be held accountable (up to ejection from the game).
22. Have Fun!!!



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POLICY FOR TEAMS WITHDRAWING AFTER REGISTRATION

The Whitby Eagles understand that unforeseen circumstances, especially injuries, roster defections, player availability, etc. can occur over the course of a season. Teams should also plan for the unexpected and understand that the scheduling process starts weeks and sometimes months before the tournament is scheduled to take place. Below are the rules that apply to the tournament regarding a request for a team withdrawal.

- A full refund shall be given if a team withdraws on or before the 45 days prior to the tournament.
- Less than 45 days from the start of the event, a team is subject to a penalty of \$100.00 (assuming the schedule has not been published)
- A 50% refund shall be given if a team withdraws after the schedule is posted and a replacement team is found.
- No refund shall be given if a team withdraws after the schedule is posted and a replacement team is not found.

RAIN & EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

While the Whitby Eagles Association will make every attempt to play each game, weather and other unforeseen circumstances may prevent the tournament from being completed or in some cases, even started. In those cases:

- If the event is cancelled due to loss of permits, weather, or any other circumstance that are out of the control of the tournament administrator. A maximum \$75.00 fee will be held back from a team's paid registration fee.
- Once the event has started, and again is cancelled due to weather, teams will be entitled to:
 - if one game has been played a 75% refund of the tournament fee
 - if two games have been played a 50% refund of the tournament fee
 - No refund is provided if a team starts more than 1/2 of the scheduled pool games

TEAM PENALTY/SUSPENSION

The Whitby Eagles Association is committed to running an event that follows the rules and guidelines of Sport Canada, Softball Ontario, PWSA, and Respect in Sport. If the tournament

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director is forced to suspend or sanction a team during the tournament the following refund policy applies:

- No refund is provided if a team doesn't compete in any number of games, due to the team, coach, manager, or parent(s) causing the team to be suspended for the event.
- Whitby Eagles will document the reasons for the decision and forward such to the applicable softball body.

Whitby Eagles reserve the right to adjust this policy at any time to accommodate unusual circumstances

****this is our 2026 tournament policy****

