

Sun West Softball 2010

March 9 – 31, 2010

Tournament Ground Rules - updated 2/10

NCAA Rules - all games will be played under NCAA rules, no matter who is playing, as a matter of consistency and continuity, as this is primarily an NCAA-team tournament.

Home/Away Determination - the home team for each game has been determined by a good old-fashioned coin flip, in advance, so that it is completely random. The only consideration made is when two teams face each other twice; in that case, each is home team once.

Dugout Choices - the dugout assignments have also been pre-determined. The home team in the first game of the day (in most cases) will be assigned to the third-base dugout, and from there dugouts are assigned by priority of 1) not moving a team that is playing back-to-back; 2) the home team in the third-base dugout.

Game Balls – EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE for supplying ONE new Worth NC12L (.47 core) optic yellow softball for each game. The NCAA moved to the .47 core a couple of years ago so older models (.50 core) will not be acceptable. If you play with a different ball and have trouble finding Worth balls, individual balls can be pre-ordered (recommended) or purchased at the tournament site. Teams should have 1-2 backup balls (in good condition) ready in case the game balls are lost or go out of play.

Time Limits – There will be NO time limits; however, the International Tie-Breaker rule will take effect in the top of the eighth inning in a tie game (see NCAA rulebook for tie-breaker procedure).

Run Rule - an eight-run rule will be in effect after five full innings.

Game Times - all games will start at the time designated, unless the final inning of the previous game has extended over the allotted two-hour game time, in which case the next game will start as soon as the field is ready. If a game finishes early, the next game will start early only on agreement of both coaches, the umpires and the tournament director.

Pre-Game Warmup – teams will not be allowed to take a traditional pre-game infield/outfield prior to game time. Teams are asked to warm-up on the halves of the infield and outfield nearest to their dugout.

Official Score - the official score will be kept by the tournament's scorekeepers. Neither team is required to provide a scorekeeper. This means that the tournament scorekeeper's decisions are official. If there are discrepancies, please take it up with the tournament director and everything will be done be as accurate as possible. Box scores, tournament statistics, etc. will be available to all.

Protests - there will be no after-game protests. If there is a rules dispute during a game, it should be settled by the coaches and officials on the spot, with the tournament director (or designated tournament official) making a decision if one is necessary. Once another official pitch has been thrown, no protest may be made. ***Coaches are expected to act with good manners and courtesy.***

Rainouts - if games are rained out, every attempt will be made to replay them on one of the tournament fields. Games will be played up until the umpires and tournament director deem the conditions unsafe. The tournament director will confer with coaches, officials and the City of Orange, and if the scheduling can be made to work, the game will be replayed as soon as possible. If games are completely lost to rain, entry fees for those games will be refunded (minus umpire fees), at your request, after the tournament is concluded.

Cleanliness - teams are expected to clean up dugouts and any other areas they may have affected with their presence.

Tournament General Information

Contact Numbers - Tournament director Doug Aiken can be reached at work (714) 997-6900 (voice mail always on) or by cell phone (714) 345-5550.

Practice Times/Fields – Due to a lack of available field space in the City of Orange, Sun West will not be able to provide practice space for the tournament. Open recreation fields may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis in many neighboring cities such as Anaheim, Irvine, Tustin, etc.

Athletic Trainers - Chapman University will provide one certified athletic trainer and fully qualified student athletic trainers with a portable training facility for all tournament games. Treatment will be available in Chapman's training room for athletes requiring it. Appointments for training-room treatment must be made through a Chapman trainer beforehand. Chapman will supply water, ice and ice bags, but teams must bring their own tape and other general supplies. Emergency equipment will be provided, as well as directions to emergency facilities, and a team physician is on call. The Training Room phone number is (714) 997-6758.

Showers - Showers are available at the university athletic facility for all teams, especially local teams not staying in hotels. ***Teams must provide their own towels and soap.***

Concessions – Limited concessions will be available on-site throughout most of the tournament, at a reasonable price. Sun West souvenir T-shirts will also be available at very reasonable costs.