



ST. THOMAS OPTIMIST SOFTBALL

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Softball Tournament Rules

1. All tournament games will be played at Doug Tarry Complex from Friday to Sunday.
2. All Games will start at their scheduled times, no grace period except for rain or excessive heat.
3. Information regarding changes to play times will be posted at the complex or on the Facebook page. Coaches and players are responsible for schedule changes.
4. If a game is rained out it will be played the following week, taking priority over season rainout games.
5. Coaches may only drive into the complex to drop off team equipment and must then park their vehicle in the main parking lot.
6. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children at all times during and between games.
7. Offensive behavior, whether it be verbal, gestures or social media posts will NOT be tolerated from anyone. The offending party will be asked to leave. Players of the offending parties may be banned from playing until appropriate corrective actions have been taken as deemed by the Executive Committee.
8. No infield practices will be allowed on the diamonds once they have been set up.
9. A team that has less than 10 players may call across from the same division or from the division below to a maximum of 10 players.
10. Home and Away is determined before each game by a coin flip for Squirt and Peewee.
11. Game time limits are as follows:

Timbit	60 minutes
Atom	75 minutes
Squirt/Peewee	90 minutes
12. The umpire may call last inning 10 minutes prior to the game time limits using their discretion in order to keep the tournament on schedule.
13. Once an inning has been started it must be completed.
14. All innings (including the last inning) are limited to a maximum of **6 runs**.
15. Tied games will be played out to one final inning with the 6-run max in place.
16. Placement Tiebreakers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) will be determined by
 - a) Wins/Losses
 - b) Runs for vs Runs against (plus minus to a cap of 6)
 - c) Games played "Head to Head"
17. In the event of inclement weather, for a game to be considered complete there must have been at least 45 minutes played, and the final score is the last completed full inning score.
18. There is no "Mercy Rule" for tournament games.