

Rochester Sports Softball Tournament Rules and Tie Breakers



Rules:

- All games will be played under USA Softball Rules
- 12U and 14U games will be umpired by 1 umpire
- Run rules: 15 after 3 innings. 10 after 4 innings. 8 after 5 innings
- No new inning should start after 1 hour and 15 minutes in 16U pool play
- 14U games cannot end in a tie, given its bracket format
- During extra innings, a runner will start on second
 - Only 16U pool play can end in a tie

Pool Tie Breakers:

1. **Record** – This is technically based on winning percentage, which is computed using the following formula: $(\text{wins})/(\text{games played}) = \text{winning percentage}$. For example, if one team is 2-1 and another is 1-2, the team with two wins has a higher winning percentage (.677) than the team with one win (.333).
2. **Head to Head** – This breaks ties based on the record against the teams tied with. For example, if 2 teams have the same overall pool play record at 2-1, and they each played the same number of games against the same opponents, then the team that won the head to head matchup between these two teams is the higher seed. In the example below, team A would be the higher seed over team B.

i. Match Up	Winner	Team	Wins	Losses
ii. A vs B	A	A	II	I
iii. C vs D	C	B	II	I
iv. A vs C	A	C	I	II
v. B vs D	B	D	I	II
vi. A vs D	D			
vii. B vs C	B			

3. **Fewest Runs Against** – The team with the least number of runs scored against them in all their pool play games will be the higher seed. For example, in 3 games if team A has 2 runs scored against them, team B has 4 runs scored against them, and team C has 6 runs scored against them, team A would be the highest seed and team C would be the lowest.

4. **Run Differential** – The team with the largest run differential in all of their pool play games will be the higher seed. If team A's run differential is +10, team B's run differential is 0 and team C's run differential is -10: then team A would be the highest seed and team C would be the lowest.
5. **Coin Flip** – A flip of a coin will determine who the higher seed is.