



Lilac Showdown Softball Classic 2026

Tournament Supplemental Rules & Information

- USSSA rules apply in addition to the following tournament supplemental rules and points of emphasis.
- Coaches are required to check in 45 minutes prior to first game to sign their USSSA roster, to check their guest player list, and to verify that their proof of insurance has been received. Tournament hosts will come to your first game field to check in your team. No team will be allowed to compete, and no refunds provided or incomplete rosters, waivers or insurance.
- Coaches must always have birth certificates available for all players.
- During Pool Play, dugouts will be decided on a first come first serve basis.
- Game time will be kept with the Umpire and will begin with the first warm-up pitch of inning #1. A new inning shall be deemed started as soon as the 3rd out of the previous inning is recorded.
 - Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to posted time. Game time is forfeit time, with appropriate consideration for back-to-back field moves.
- Coaches and umpires must have a pregame meeting prior to the first pitch to ensure everyone is on the same page with the rules. The umpire needs to keep record of runs scored at the end of each inning. The coaches must confirm with the umpire of the runs and sign the scorecard at the completion of the game.
- During Pool Play, no new inning will begin after the 75-minute mark. Game is over (Drop Dead) at 90 minutes with the score reverting to the last completed inning unless the home team

has tied the game. If the home team has tied the game prior to the drop-dead time the game shall be recorded as a tie regardless of whether the inning has been completed.

- Pool Play games can end in a tie. Tie Breaker as defined below will be used in pool play if 7 innings are completed prior to 75 minutes. (No new innings after 75 minutes and drop-dead rule still applies.)
- In Bracket Play, no new inning will start after the 75-minute mark. If a game remains tied after the completion of an inning after the 75-minute mark, International Tiebreak rules will apply.
- Championship Games shall be 7 innings, but slaughter rules and International Tiebreak rules still apply.
- Highest seed team will be home team in Championship (Bracket) play. Games between teams of the same seed will be decided by softball bocce.
- A one-minute time limit between innings shall be strictly enforced.
- No infield warm-ups after the first inning.
- Pitchers are allowed five pitches before the 1st inning and three pitches between subsequent innings. New pitchers are allowed 5 pitches.
- Slaughter Rule: USSSA Rules – 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings
- NO PROTESTS - THE UMPIRE'S DECISION IS FINAL!
- Pool play records will determine Championship (Bracket) play seeding. Pools will be seeded 1-4 for bracket play.

o Tiebreakers:

Ties are broken by the listed bracket scheduling system. The system will place teams in the brackets accordingly.

For pool play, games can end in a tie.

Pool Play Seeding:

Seeding will be determined by a point system: Win = 3, Loss = 0, Tie = 1

Tie Breaker:

Head-to-head competition (2 teams only)

Runs allowed

Total run differential (max of 7 runs)

Runs scored

Coin toss

- Tournament Committee reserves the right to change tournament structure in the event of inclement weather.

- Umpires and tournament officials reserve the right to eject any fan, player or coach for unsportsmanlike conduct. Offending team shall forfeit the game if ejected person does not leave the playing field and visual field of umpire or tournament official

- No warmup hitting or pitching into fences – strictly enforced.

- No grills are allowed at the fields.

Field Locations

Madison Meadow- 500 E Wilson Ave, Lombard, IL 60148

#12 – Corner of Ahrens and Madison

#13 – Madison St (Next to tennis courts)

#14 – Fairfield & Harding

#15 – Fairfield & Harding

#16 – Corner of Wilson & Lewis

#19 – Wilson Ave

#20 – Fairfield & Harding

Sunset Knoll- 820 S Finley Road, Lombard, IL 60148

#25 – parking in back lot off of Wilson or in lots off of Finley

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- Please be mindful of posted parking instructions and restrictions