

2025 Slide into Summer Rules

Tournament Director:

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Tournament Outline & Check-in Information

- ◇ Accepting B/C-level teams, town travel teams, and all-star teams (Eligibility is subject to review by Tournament Director)
- ◇ Each team must pay a registration fee of \$400.
- ◇ Online payment can be made via our square site, email for link.
- ◇ Payment can also be made by check payable to **Delran Athletic Association**. Please list Team, Managers Last Name, and Age Division in notation. Checks can be mailed to the following address:

**C/O Delran Softball
Delran Athletic Association
P.O Box #1520
Delran, NJ 08075**

- ◇ Ump Fees are included in registration. This is NOT a pay at plate.
- ◇ 3 Game guarantee (2 pool games, 1 seeded game)
- ◇ MVP medals will be awarded during all games. Awards for 1st and 2nd place seeded play.
- ◇ Roster and Certificate of Insurance should be emailed to Tournament Director by Wednesday Prior to tournament (DelranSoftballCommissioner@gmail.com)
- ◇ Rosters should consist of the following:
 - Teams full name and age division
 - No more than 14 players
 - Managers full name, cell phone number, and email
 - Players full name and Date of Birth
- ◇ Certificate of Insurance should list the following as additional insured:
 - **Delran Slide Into Summer
Delran Athletic Association
PO BOX 1520
Delran, NJ 08075**
- ◇ All teams **MUST** check in at the registration table at their respective field **30 minutes before** the start time of their first game. Things to have with you:
 - Copy of roster (Must match earlier submitted roster)
 - Copy of Certificate of Insurance
- ◇ MVP medals and T-shirt orders will be picked up at registration table when you check in. You will pick up each days medals when you arrive.
- ◇ Schedules will be released no later than 5 days prior to the tournament. It is the manager or coaches' responsibility to verify schedule daily to make sure that no changes have been made. It is also your responsibility to know your field locations and times. Please be ready to start at game time. Schedules and all tourney info can be reviewed here <https://www.delrandiamonds.org/slide-into-summer-8u.html>

- ◇ Should there be inclement weather the Tournament Director reserves the right to declare a rain schedule. Games may be shortened to as little as 44-60 minutes maximum to accommodate all teams. If bracket play is unable to be completed due to weather than trophies will be awarded based on Pool Play results. If partial bracket play day is lost due to weather, the tournament director holds the right to create a modified bracket schedule that could result in lower seeded teams not playing a bracket game. This will be last resort to finish the tournament. Modified weather schedules will be out by 11:00 PM Saturday evening.
- ◇ If any team shall pull out after registering, they will receive an 80% refund. After May 10th there will be no refunds issued.

General Game Play Rules

- ◇ Tournament will use UGSA softball rules with exceptions listed below. (www.ugsasoftball.com)
- ◇ **Games will be 6 innings or 1 hour 10 Minutes, finish the inning. Whichever comes first. There will be a Drop-Dead time limit of 1 hour 45 minutes.**
- ◇ There is no time limit for Championship games. Championship games will be played until a winner can be established.
- ◇ Ties will be awarded for pool play games. Bracket games will use the international tie breaker rule with a runner starting on second base to decide a winner.
- ◇ One umpire per pool and elimination game. Championship games will have 2 umpires *if available.
- ◇ Pool Games- Home team will be decided by coin-flip with furthest traveling team calling the toss.
- ◇ Seed Games- Higher seed will be home team.
- ◇ **5 runs per inning.**
- ◇ The following **Mercy Rule** will be used:
 - 12 runs after 4 innings.
 - 10 runs after 5 innings.
 - 8 runs after 6 innings.
- ◇ Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for pitchers and catchers; Courtesy runners **must** be used with 2 outs for catchers. Courtesy runner to be last completed at bat.
- ◇ **DO NOT use the infield of any field to warm up in-between your games. Fields will be being prepped for next game.**
- ◇ There will be 1 new ball used for each game. Balls from previous game will be given to umpire to be used as back up balls for following games.
- ◇ Any rule not covered above will be strictly enforced from the UGSA rule book. (www.ugsasoftball.com). Any rule not addressed in the UGSA rulebook will be covered by USA Softball rules which can be found here (<https://www.usasoftball.com/official-rulebook/>)

Reporting and Seeding

- ◇ Winning team is responsible for reporting game scores at the registration desk. Game scores must be submitted within an hour of game finish time, or a 10-10 Tie will be recorded for that game.
- ◇ **Score must be submitted to the registration desk.**
- ◇ Teams will be seeded after pool play by the following in order if a tie occurs:
 1. Record
 2. Head-to-Head; if teams did not play each other, then-
 3. Runs Allowed, if still tied then-
 4. Runs Scored, if still tied then-
 5. Coin Flip
- ◇ Seeding will not be changed after the completion of the last game so please check for errors.

Protest and Sportsmanship

- ◇ There will be NO protests allowed on any calls. All discrepancies or rule interpretations will be settled by the home plate umpire.
- ◇ Umpires are instructed to not take any abuse from players, coaches, or fans. If any umpire feels that any individual is acting inappropriately, they reserve the right to eject that individual from the premises. Any individual who is ejected MUST leave the entire premises, including the parking lot. If an individual refuses to leave, they will forfeit the game for their team.
- ◇ Individuals who are ejected at any time may NOT return for the remainder of the tournament.
- ◇ All instances of un-sportsman like conduct will be reviewed by the tournament director and could result in forfeit of all remaining games.
- ◇ This is a youth event. Please remember your audiences and let's just have fun!

Injuries

- ◇ It is recommended that each team bring their own first aid supplies. There will be limited supplies on site. If a player on your team experiences an injury that requires immediate medical attention, call 911. Someone from your team should contact the Tournament Director.

PLEASE KEEP OUR FIELDS CLEAN.

Please clean out dugouts after your games and any areas you and your team will be utilizing. Trash receptacles are placed throughout the complexes.