



AFA National Qualifier 2026

NW Regionals

AFA National Qualifier Rules

- All Teams must have an AFA membership.
<https://fastpitch.afasoftball.com/get-involved/team-membership/> • Teams must check in one hour prior to their first game at the AFA site booth. - All teams must show their current roster (this is the one to be filled out and signed by the parents), insurance (any org insurance is good. A paper copy or a digital copy is good), and must carry birth certificates (USA player cards will work)
- Coin tosses will determine the home team in pool play games. A team may select to be the visitor. Higher seed can choose. If both teams are a 1 seed but one is in the loser bracket the undefeated team may choose. If it goes to an IF game it will switch from the 1st game
- Double Elimination
- All pool games are 1 hour and 30 minutes no new innings
- Games may end in a tie during pool play
- Elimination games must have a winner
- Championship game is 7 innings or 1:45 no new inning for 12U, 14U, HS
Divisions
- Championship game is 6 innings or 1:30 no new inning for 10U
- Teams need to be prepared to play up to 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time
- Games may be moved to different fields in order to insure games stay on schedule
- Teams may use DP/Flex and 2 Extra hitters (EH) for a total of 11 hitters max/12 players. 10u teams can hit the roster in pool play, and the last out can run for the pitcher and catcher.
- Courtesy runners must come from a substitute.
- In the event the game goes to international tiebreaker the player who is due to bat last is placed on second base.



- Mercy rules: 15 runs after 3, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, 8 runs after 6 innings
- HSO means High school open. This means ages 16 to 18 high school players only. If a player has seen, taken, played in 1 inning as a college player they CAN NOT play.
- Coaches, please remember to sign up for the app for updates on fields, scores, and other event information. WC AFA on app store and google play.
- This is a national qualifier for our June 2026 Nationals in St. George, UT. Two teams will qualify from our 10u division, 2 teams will qualify from our 12u division, 2 teams will qualify from our 14u division, and 2 teams will qualify from our HS division. Silver bracket champions will also get a bid to play. If a team has qualified prior to this tournament, the tournament director may move another team to a qualifying spot. .
- Coaches: it's recommended that you carry a first aid kit and ice packs.
- Sportsmanship is a must. Ejected players and coaches may need to sit the following game. The final decision will be made by the site director & UIC. There will be zero tolerance of harassment of umpires by fans.
- A protest fee is \$100.00 and the protest must happen at the exact time of play without any additional pitches made.

AFA tournament MVP's. A coach from each team needs to come to the AFA table on Sunday morning prior to the start of their first game to get an AFA Tournament MVP helmet decal. If your team does not make it to the championship game the coach will award their team MVP with the helmet decal. If you make the championship game the opposing coaches will award a player from the other team the Tournament MVP decal.

Tournament champions & runner ups will be rewarded with Rings



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Pool Standings Tie Breakers:

1. W/L Record
2. Head to Head play (if all teams tied have each played each other)
3. Runs allowed
4. Runs scored