



Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series - 16u, 18u

Event Rules and Details (Not Final)

Schedule Timeline:

Day 0 - Sunday July 20 - Camps, Check in, Coaches Meeting, Player Experience, All Star Game

Day 1-2 - Monday July 21 & Tuesday July 22 - Regional Round

(All teams advance to the Super Regional Round)

Day 3-4 - Wednesday July 23 & Thursday July 24 - Super Regional Round - Tier 1,2,3 Championships

(Teams that lose out of the Super Regional Round will be finished for the event)

Day 5-6 - Friday July 25 & Saturday July 26 - Elite 8 Championship Round for Tier 1,2,3

(Teams that lose out of the Elite 8 will be finished for the event) (Game 1 of Championship Series)

Day 7 - Sunday July 27 - Final Championship Series Games 2&3

Championship Teams need to be prepared to play all day Sunday due to possible Weather delays, etc

Playing Rules:

- All Games will play according to **NFHS rules**, with modifications. ([Link to modifications](#))
 - ☐ Players must be a 2025 High School graduate or younger and meet USA Softball age criteria
 - ☐ Pitching Modification/Clarification - Games will be played by the NCAA College Pitching rule...
 - [Official Playing Rules and Age Requirements - Click Here](#)
- Ball Sponsor - Bownet
- All Games – No Time Limit (In any event of extended delay and inclement weather, any changes to time limit will need to be decided and approved by the Alliance Rules committee)
- Standard ITB if tied after 7 innings (Runner on 2nd) (Applies to every additional inning)
- Cleat Rule - No Metal Cleats on any turf fields, no limitations on dirt fields
- Games –
 - ☐ Line up can consist of up to 11 players
 - 9 players – straight 9
 - 10 players – batting 10, or 9 with flex/DP
 - 11 players – batting 10 with a EP and flex/DP
- **Game Run rule** – 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings
- **Umpires** - covered in entry fee, 2 umpires for all games. 3 man crews for Tier 1 games and all T2 & T3 Elite 8 games

AFCS 2025 Format

[Click Here for Bracket View of Format](#)

Day 0 - Player Experience Day - Sunday July 20

Check In, Coaches Meetings, Camps, Player Challenges, All Star Game
There will be no event games on Sunday July 20

[Event Roster Rules - Click Here](#)

Day 1-2 - Regional round

Monday July 21 and Tuesday July 22

- 16 Regional Brackets of 6 teams each playing a modified double elimination bracket
 - ☐ The Winners Bracket Winner will advance to the Tier 1 Super Regional Round as the top seed from that region.
 - ☐ The Losers Bracket Winner will advance to the Tier 1 Super Regional Round as the #2 seed from that region.
 - ☐ The 3rd place team will advance to the Tier 2 Super Regional Round as the #3 seed from that region.
 - ☐ The 4th place team will advance to the Tier 2 Super Regional Round as the #4 seed from that region.
 - ☐ The 5th place team will advance to the Tier 3 Super Regional Round as the #5 seed from that region.
 - ☐ The 6th place team will advance to the Tier 3 Super Regional Round as the #6 seed from that region.

Day 3-4 - Super Regional Rounds (T1, T2, T3) - 32 Teams in each Age Group

Wednesday July 23 and Thursday July 24

- Each Tier (1,2,3) will have 8 brackets of 4 teams played as a double elimination bracket
 - ☐ IF Game would be played if needed
 - ☐ Winner Advances to the Elite 8

Day 5-6 - Elite 8 (T1, T2, T3) - 8 Teams in each Age Group - Friday July 25 and Saturday July 26

- Each Tier (1,2,3) will play an 8 team bracket formatted exactly like the WCWS.

Day 7 - Finals (T1, T2, T3) - Championship Final Series - Sunday July 27

- Each Tier (1,2,3) final 2 teams will play a best 2 out of 3 series.
- Game 1 will be Saturday night
- Game 2&3 on Sunday - All Championship teams need to be prepared to play championship games at anytime on Sunday due to possible Weather Delays.