



**Austintown Girls Softball League**  
 Contact: [agsl.girlssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:agsl.girlssoftball@gmail.com) Or  
[AGSLOhio.com](http://AGSLOhio.com)

**Austintown Girls Softball League 24th Annual (Slow Pitch)**

**Jessica Moorhead Memorial Tournament**

July 11 - 12, 2026 @ Austintown Township Park

Age Brackets: 8U, 12U, 18U (Players age by December 31, 2025)

\*\*\*\*\*

**All games will be governed by the rules and regulations set forth in the USA Official Guidebook with the following additions and/or deletions:**

**AGSL General Tournament Rules**

- Each team must have proof of accident/liability insurance on their players, managers and coaches. The Austintown Girls Softball League and/or Austintown Township Park will not be responsible for any injury or damage to any person, player, spectator or vehicle.
- Tournament parking is throughout the park facilities. AGSL will be collecting a parking donation for the Jessica Moorhead Scholarship Fund during the tournament. All of the proceeds go to the AGSL Scholarship Fund.
- All teams must report to the field 45 minutes prior to the first game to turn in their rosters and birth certificates must be checked.
- There is a maximum limit of 14 girls to a team. Note: When the final roster is turned in, no additions will be permitted.
- A copy of the player's birth certificate must be in the manager's possession during the entire tournament. Any player can be questioned and if birth certificate is not on hand, it will cause their team to forfeit the game.
- Harassment from managers, coaches, players, or spectators will not be tolerated. Cheering your team on is encouraged and fun for everyone; however, harassment from or toward the other team is poor sportsmanship and will not be tolerated. The penalty for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a warning; the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will be cause for ejection of the person(s) and possible forfeit of the game if the harassment continues.
- All players must play in the organization their team comes from and the players can only play for and be rostered one (1) team.
- All players must be from the current 2026 Season.

- All players must be in complete uniform with numbers on the back of the jerseys, **no duplicate numbers**. Any uniform disputes will be settled by using the USA Rulebook.
- All games will start as scheduled. You must have your team ready to play a minimum of 20 minutes prior to starting time in case the preceding game is completed early. Teams must be ready to play, or the game will be subject to forfeit. Tournament officials may reschedule any game during the tournament.
- The players must stay in the dugout during the game.
- All roster players must play if in attendance. Only active players (players taking the field) permitted in the dugout.
- The coaching staff must remain within the chalk lines outside the dugout. The coaching staff consists of the manager, assistant manager, coaches (2), and scorekeeper.
- All bats must be USA/ASA approved.
- No metal spikes or jewelry is permitted to be worn by players.
- No practice on the fields, there is plenty of room to warm-up inside of the park on the grass.
- Please keep your dugout clean and pick-up your trash after each game.
- A minimum of 9 players is required to start and finish a game.
- A max of 10 defenders shall be used, free substitutions.
- Continuous batting order.
- All catchers must wear the catcher's mask or batting helmet w/ facemask. The chest protector is mandatory for the 8U and 12U divisions; however, it is optional for the 18U division.
- Heart guards are mandatory for 8U and 12U pitchers.
- There will be trophies presented to the Tournament Champion and Runner-Up in each Division limited to 15 per team (14 players/team). Most Valuable Player medals will be issued after each game.
- All protests must be resolved before the next pitch is thrown. The tournament committee ruling is final.

## **AGSL Jessica Moorhead Tournament Game Rules**

Based upon the number of teams per division, tournament will consist of either Pool Play with Single Elimination Championship or 3 Game Guarantee Format. Each team will be guaranteed at least 3 games. Game format may change and will be decided upon by tournament board.

o If Pool Play is utilized, the point system will be as follows:

- 2pts/win, 1pt/tie, 0pts/loss

o For seeding purposes in the event of a 2-team tie, the tie-breaker rules will be as follows:

- Head-to-head, least runs allowed, run differential, most runs scored, coin toss.

o If there are more than 2 teams tied, the following rules will break the tie:

- Least runs allowed, run differential, most runs scored, and draw from hat.

- 
- All game results will be posted by the concession stand near field #3.
  - The home team will be determined by a flip of the coin before each Pool Play game. In Elimination play the highest seeded team will be home.
  - All games will be played on fields #2, #3, and #4.
  - **Game Time Limit:** There will be a time limit on all Pool Play and "3 Game Guarantee" games.

- The time limit for all 12U and 18U games shall be set at 1 hour. At the end of 1 hour finish the current inning and play 1 additional inning (with a max of 7 innings for pool play). All mercy run rules will follow ASA regulations. 8U games will also be the 1-hour time format (with a max of six (6) innings) unless a mercy rule comes into play.
- Ties are permissible in Pool Play. The elimination rounds will abide to the time limit rules, however there must be a winner so the game will continue until there is a winner. **There will be no time limit for the Championship game.**
- There will be a 1 minute maximum between innings and this will be strictly enforced. Players will be encouraged to hustle on and off field.
- The USA mercy rules will be in effect for entire tournament 20 after 3, 15 after 4 and 10 after 5.
- In the event of rain, games will be completed from the point at which they were stopped.
- A batter shall be called out on foul third strike in the 12U and 18U divisions.
- No bunting or chop swings permitted! No stealing.
- The pitching distance shall be 35 feet for 8U, 43 feet for the 12U division, and 50 feet for the 18U division.
- A 10-foot maximum arc will be maintained in the 12U and 18U divisions.
- The double-wide safety bag will be used at first base and bases are set at 60 feet.
- Batting helmets with face guard are mandatory and must be provided by the individual teams.
- Sliding will be optional; except at home plate where it may be needed to avoid a collision.
- Leaving the base early (relax step) will be called an out on the first offense, no warning will be given. You cannot leave the base before the ball is hit.
- Intentional walks are permissible as per the USA rules.
- The infield fly rule is in effect for the 12U and 18U divisions.
- Courtesy runners will be allowed for medical conditions. The runner will be the player who made the last out. Courtesy runners may be used for the entire tournament.
- Only the team manager may question the umpire and then only on a rule interpretation.
- Tournament officials will furnish softballs, umpires, and trophies for the tournament.
- If a championship game cannot be played due to weather or darkness, we will do a coin-flip best 2 of 3 to determine the winner and trophy disbursement.

## **Additional Rules / Guidelines for the 8U Age Group**

- Unlike the older divisions there is no requirement on pitching arc for the 8U division. The pitcher may pitch to how the team or batter is used to.
- The bases will be set at a distance of 60 feet with hash marks thirty feet between the bases.
- A 10-foot arc shall be marked in front of home plate in which balls must pass to be considered fair.
- Overthrown balls to first base only that go foul without contact from a player will be considered dead and the batter / base runners advance one base.
- Pitching rules: Coach pitchers will pitch to their own team from a distance of 35 feet with one foot on the pitching line until ball is pitched. A total of 5 pitches or three strikes whichever comes first. The batter cannot strike out on a foul ball. If the coach pitcher is hit or makes contact with the ball once hit, the ball is considered dead, and that pitch will not count towards the total pitch count. No base coaching is permitted by the coach pitcher while acting as the coach pitcher.
- Defensive coaches are not to be in the field of play. If needed the coaches may take a position in foul territory in the outfield. This area will be marked.
- The four outfielders must be a minimum of 10 feet behind the base path.
- All players present must bat!
- There is a six (6) run limit or once through the batting order in all innings except the last inning. The last inning will have no limit.