

**2026 CYPRESS HIGH SCHOOL 45th ANNUAL SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT
RULES & PROCEDURES**

1. Home team will be decided by a “flip of the coin” 15 minutes prior to game time. Please submit three printed line-ups with first and last names, numbers, and positions of all players and substitutes.
2. Team dugouts will be determined by your placement on the bracket. **Teams listed first in pool play, will have the first base side, while teams listed last in pool play, will have the third base side. If a team has “back to back” games on the same field, it is not necessary for them to vacate the dugout that they are already occupying.**
3. Pitchers will have their choice of ball at any time unless the ball goes out of play and may hold up the progress of the game.
4. No protests are allowed. If there is any discrepancy of the rules or problems that occur, contact the Tournament Director or his/her designee before play is resumed or all decisions are final.
5. **Game times will be as follows:**
JV: All games will be regulation seven 7 innings or no new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes of play unless the game is tied. Tie games go into international tie-breaker rule at the start of the 8th inning. Time limits will be eliminated for the Championship game and will go to regulation 7 innings.
Varsity: All games will be regulation seven 7 innings or no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play unless the game is tied. Tie games go into international tie-breaker rule at the start of the 8th inning. Time limits will be eliminated for the Championship game and will go to regulation 7 innings.
6. ****INTERNATIONAL RULE**** After 7 full innings, or at the end of an inning after time has expired, the visiting team will put the last player to bat at second base. Play will continue until 3 outs are made. After two innings of play, if a winner has not been determined, the visiting team will place their last player to bat at third base. Play will continue until 3 outs are made. At the bottom of the inning, the home team will follow with the same procedure. This procedure will continue until the game is completed and a winner is recorded.
7. **MERCY RULE:** If either team is ahead by 8 runs or more after 5 innings, the game will be called. The mercy rule will be eliminated in the Championship game.
8. The home team will provide official scorekeepers. Please, when making any substitutions, be sure to notify umpires and official scorekeepers. Also, it would be advantageous to have your scorekeeper check with the official scorekeeper when there is more than one substitute.
9. Pool Play Tiebreakers: (1) head to head competition, (2) least total runs allowed, (3) most runs scored, (4) coin flip

10. **Umpires:** JV will have one umpire provided for all games leading up to the championship game where they will have two provided. Two umpires will be provided for all Varsity games.
11. The tournament will provide two softballs per game.
12. Forward toss batting practice will not be permitted before the game.
13. All teams should dress at home.
14. **IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A SCHEDULED TOURNAMENT GAME YOU MUST NOTIFY THE OPPOSING TEAM AND THE TOURNAMENT STAFF AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.** If a team forfeits a game without 24 hours notice, that team will be responsible for the umpire fees (full amount without 24 hour notice), as well as the transportation costs incurred by the opposing team. In addition, the team will not be admitted into the Cypress Centurion Tournament the following year.
15. **IN THE EVENT OF RAIN**, a coin flip will determine the home team which will then have first choice to host the game, if possible. Schools already hosting tournament games (Cypress and Villa Park) will still be designated as home schools and will host any make-up games as well. Umpires will be provided by CHS.
16. Information and discussion regarding rainouts will be sent via text message to the Varsity and JV Head Coaches.

Sites for the tournament:

This year we are using Cypress High School Varsity field, Cypress High School JV field, Los Alamitos High School and Villa Park High School.

Game Location Addresses:

Cypress High School
9801 Valley View Street
Cypress, CA 90630

Kennedy High School
8281 Walker Street
La Palma, CA 90623