

TBDMSA Year-end Tournament Rules 2025

Season standings have been calculated following those guidelines outlined in the Season Rules. At the end of regular season play, positions in the standings have been determined by: Total points, runs for/against ratio and record against each other.

1. Regular season rules apply except for the rules stipulated below within each division.
2. If home team is leading going into the bottom of the last inning, they do **not** bat. Maximum +5 can be earned by winning team for a game in preliminary round games.
3. No team may choose their Umpires. If they refuse to play, they forfeit the game.
4. All decisions made by the Umpires are final.
5. A maximum of 5 runs can be earned per inning except for the open inning in the Semi Final and Championship Final games.
6. U10 games are 3 innings, U14 games are 5 innings and U19 games are 6 innings. In event of a tie in preliminary games, each team will be awarded a point.
7. Placement after the preliminary round games will be determined by how many points each team has. In the case of a tie, it will be determined by team's plus/minus in the tournament. If a tie still exists, then it's the total number of runs against each team accumulates in the tournament. If a tie still exists then it is the total number of runs scored each team accumulates in the tournament. If a tie still exists then it will be a coin toss, team with highest regular season points makes the call.
8. Game scores **MUST** be presented to the division Convenor or TBDMSA Executive Member at the pavilion **IMMEDIATELY** after the game by the HOME team Coach.
9. Substitution complaints from coaches will be ruled on by division convenors.

U10 Specific

1. At the end of the preliminary round games the top 4 team's advance. Team 1 plays Team 4, Team 2 plays Team 3 in a semi final game. Winner advances to the final.
2. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
3. Semi final and final games are 3 full innings and last inning is open
4. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

U14 Specific

1. At the end of the preliminary round games the top 4 team's advance. Team 1 plays Team 4, Team 2 plays Team 3 in a semi final game. Winner advances to the final.
2. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
3. Semi final and final games are 5 full innings and last inning is open
4. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

U19 Specific

1. At the end of the preliminary round, top 4 team's advance. Team 1 plays Team 4, Team 2 plays team 3 in a semi-final game. Winner advances to final.
2. Highest placed team from preliminary round is home team in semi-final and final games.
- 3 Semi Final and Final games are 6 full innings and last inning is open.
4. If there is a tie in the semi final or final game the International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect and no time limit will be implemented.

International Tie Breaker Rule

When a softball game is tied at the end of seven innings, the International Tie Breaker rule goes into effect. At the start of each inning, a runner is placed on second base with **1 out** - the runner will be the last batter scheduled to bat in this inning. Any eligible player may be substituted for this runner. At least one full inning is played, allowing each team the same chance to score. If the score remains tied, the same process is used in each inning until a victor emerges (one team scores more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning).