Tournament Rules

* Basic Softball rules apply with the following exceptions
* Continuous batting optional.
* Free Defensive Substitutions
* Coin Flip for home during pool play
* Higher Seed gets choice home or away during bracket –

teams that have same seed will coin flip i.e. (2 seed vs 2 seed)

* Courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher – farthest away in batting order.
* Pool Games can end in tie
* Run Rule 10,8 6 after 4, 5, 6.
* Game Length: 1:15 finish the inning
* Any coach or player ejection will have to sit the next game.
* During bracket play – need a winner, finish the inning.
* Artificial noise makers are not permitted. Failure to comply will result in removal from the park and or forfeiture of the game.
* There are no protests allowed in this tournament.
* If a game is forfeited after the game has started, the team forfeiting will lose 7-0. If they forfeit with a score greater than the 7-0 margin, that score will be used. I.E. if Team A is losing 11-2, and decides to forfeit during the game. The 11-2 score will be recorded, not 7-0.
* In the event that a team drops out of the tournament due to injuries, etc. We will do everything we can to insure everyone gets their allotted number of games. Regardless if a replacement team is found or not, the score of 7-0 will be the result.
* In the event of a weather delay, we will resume the tournament with the games that are scheduled to play at the time the delay ends. We will pick up the lost games at the end of pool play on Saturday if it permits. Keeps the schedule integrity for the college coaches to follow. We also may shorten games later in the tournament to back fill with lost games due to weather to keep bracket play in play. If the majority of a day is washed out, we will move those games to Sunday and lose bracket play. These are options.

**Grand Park, Kokomo Championship Fields, and Indy Sport Park have all turf fields. Only turf, molded cleats, or tennis shoes allowed.**

**Any bat that is sanctioned by USSSA, ASA, USA Softball, NSA, or any sanctioning body is appropriate to be used in the Firecracker (with corresponding stamps)**