



2025 CBLSL Liberty Bell Classic Women's Division Format and Rules of Play

Days of Play: All divisions will play Saturday and Sunday (if needed).

Tournament Management:

- Tournament Co-Director - Jeff Davis
- Tournament Co-Director and POC Open Division - John Burks-Silver
- POC Women's Division Erin Kane
- POC Women's Division Katy Kane
- Michael Carpentieri

Player Registration: All players must register with a Government ID before taking the field. Players must register before the end of pool play in their specific division of play to be eligible for the remainder of the tournament. Exceptions may only be made by the Tournament Directors. Players must be at least 18 years of age to register and participate in the tournament. Additionally, no player may be on the roster of both a Women's Division team and an Open Division Team.

Team Eligibility/Player Ratings: For Women's divisions, ASANA ratings and guidelines will be in effect. For reference, team rating limit guidelines are as follows:

WOMEN'S TEAMS (as of March 2024)

Women's A	A team that has no more than two (2) Elite players, and any other combination of players of any classification
Women's B	A team that has no Elite players, no more than four (4) roster "A" division players, and any other combination of players of any lower classification, and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 710
Women's C	A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no more than three (3) roster "B" division players rated 59 - 65 , and any other combination of players of any lower classification, and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 580
Women's D	A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no "B" division players, no more than three (3) roster "C"

	division players rated 44-49 , and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 430
Women's E	A team that has no Elite players, no "A" division players, no "B" or "C" division players, and no D rated players over 36 , and whose highest 10 rated players sum rating does not exceed 310

Roster and Ratings Submission: Team rosters shall have a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of twenty (20) players. Managers must submit a roster with player ratings from the ASANA Database if a player has a rating. If a player or team does not have an ASANA rating, the manager must submit a rating for each player on the team. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reject a rating if there are previous ratings for a player, or if the tournament feels that the manager is under rating a player or team.

- Teams that do not participate in a ASANA/NAGAAA-affiliated league, and therefore do not have team or player ratings will be entertained on a case-by-case basis by the Tournament Directors. History of participation in the tournament will be taken into consideration during roster reviews. In either case, teams should contact the Tournament Director about eligibility concerns prior to sending in their entry form.

Protests:

- Any protests must be done prior to medal games for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.
- Protest fee is \$50 for the protest & \$50 for each question. Protest Fees will be accepted as Cash, Venmo, or Zelle.
- Money will only be returned for protest questions won. If you protest 3 questions, \$50 protest fee + \$50x3 questions = \$200. If you win 1 question, you get back the protest fee & \$50 for one question: \$100.
- A protest must be made by the team manager to the umpire before the end of the game. At the time a protest is made, the Tournament Director needs to be notified.
- A ruling of the protest will be made by the protest committee. Such rulings will be final (not subject to appeal).

Player Removal: If it is determined that a player should clearly be rated for play in a division higher than the one in which they are registered, the player may be removed from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Any decision will be based on first-hand views, Tournament Director input, and information provided from umpires and other divisional representatives. **It is especially important that team managers are aware of this rule, especially as it relates to players that did not have a rating prior to this tournament.**

Pool Play: A random draw of teams will place them into a pool. A coin flip will determine the home team for all pool games. After pool play, each team will have a

seeding within their pool. Once you know your pool seed, you will be able to find your place in the double elimination bracket.

Women's Division Seeding: Seeding will be based on the team's record in the following order (wins-losses-ties): 2-0-0, 1-0-1, 1-1-0, 0-0-2, 0-1-1, 0-2-0. In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same record, the tie-breaker(s) will be: 1) run differential, 2) random draw.

ADA Guidelines

Disability Definition: The inability to do any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

We will need the online form filled out with all additional documentation to support the request from a treating physician.

Approvals will be sent the week prior to the tournament.

Notification needs to be made to the opposing team during ground rules.

RULES

Game Time: For all round robin games, no new inning is to start after 50 minutes.

Round Robin games will finish the inning at time.

For all double elimination games, no new inning is to start after 55 minutes, will finish the inning at time.

Championship no time limit, all 7 innings played.

Home Team: The home team will be determined by a coin toss for all pool play and double elimination games except for the Championship game in each division. The home team for the Championship game will be the undefeated team, and the IF game will be determined by a coin toss.

Scorekeeper: The home team is the official scorekeeper. Scores should be confirmed at each half inning with the plate umpire. It is each manager's responsibility to initial and confirm the umpire's scorecard and that the correct winning team is indicated at the conclusion of every game. Upon leaving the field, the Umpire's scorecard becomes official.

Player Line-ups: Teams must begin and finish with at least nine (9) players to avoid a forfeit. An out will be recorded every time the vacant 10th batting position has a turn to bat. If a 10th player arrives, the player must be immediately entered into the game. Any other player arriving after this shall be entered as a substitute. Teams may bat up to 12, using two (2) extra hitters. Extra hitters must be indicated as EH on the line up sheet. If

a team starting with 10 or more players on the line up loses a player during the game and has no one to substitute, then an out will be assessed whenever that player would have come up to bat.

Game Rules: Batters start with 1-1 count, and (1) courtesy foul. No new inning will start after 50 minutes. Championship game will have no time limit.

Pitch Height: A legal pitch is between 6 and 12 feet high.

USA Softball Run Rule:

- 20 runs ahead after 3 innings or 2 ½ if the home team is ahead.
- 15 runs ahead after 4 innings or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead.
- 10 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead.

Bases: If there are two bags at first base, the USA Softball double bag rule is in effect.

Home Run Limits: Anything over the limit will be an out. B/C Teams One (1) over the fence home run per game per team. For D/E Teams any ball hit over the fence is an inning-ending out.

Courtesy Runners:

- CBLSL LBC will follow the USA rule for courtesy runners. Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. One courtesy runner only may be used per inning.
- All pitchers get a courtesy runner. This does not count as your 1 courtesy runner per inning.
- All approved ADA players get a courtesy runner. Players must be marked on line-up cards.

Tie Games: Ties will be allowed in round robin games. In double elimination games, the International Tie-Breaker rule will apply.

Interdivisional Games: In the case that neither the B/C division or D/E division have enough teams, the teams will play together. D/E division teams playing B/C division teams will start with 3 runs for all games.

Player Ejection Penalty: The player shall be removed from the current game only. Tournament officials reserve the right to suspend and/or disqualify any ejected player for futures games of the tournament if the ejection is deemed to be morally offensive or threatening in nature to another player, umpire, spectator, tournament staff member or park patron. If there is no substitute available to replace the ejected player, an out will be recorded each time the ejected player was due to come up to bat. If more than one player is ejected from the same team for the same game, the result is a forfeit for that team. If the ejection results in a team falling below 9 eligible players on the line-up sheet, the result will be a forfeit.

Illegal Bats: Only **USA Softball** approved bats will be allowed for use. Umpires will be using the current **USA Softball** non-approved bat list for bat review. Any illegal bat or suspected altered bat discovered during a game will be removed from play and returned at the end of the tournament. The Umpire will report and give the bat to the Field Director for holding until the team has completed tournament play. The Field Director will notify the UIC of the infraction. If the same team is found to be using another illegal bat in subsequent games, the Tournament Director has the discretion to remove the team from play. The results of any play occurring while an illegal bat is in use will follow **USA Softball** rules.

Uniforms: Each player must wear a “team jersey” which must be similar in color and style, and must have a player/roster number as described by **USA Softball** rules. Non-uniform decorations or tied cloth is NOT allowed on a player's head, neck, or body.

Jewelry and Loose Accessories: Exposed jewelry or accessories that are judged by the umpire to be dangerous to others must be removed and may not be worn during the game. Examples of items that may be required to be removed are body and facial piercing, rings, necklaces, bracelets, wrist watches, earrings, pagers, cell phones, tobacco tins, and unsecured sunglasses. Medical alert bracelets must be taped to the body. Non-removable jewelry must be concealed with tape or bandage.

Tournament Integrity: The Tournament Directors reserve the right to make adjustments to the tournament rules and format as needed if deemed necessary for the best interest of the tournament. Additionally, the Tournament Directors reserve the right to remove a player or team for violating tournament rules.