



2026 Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series - 10u

Event Rules and Details

All 2026 AFCS Events will be held in the Indianapolis Area (Westfield, Indiana & Kokomo, Indiana)

[AFCS CALENDAR LINK - See Link for details on event calendar](#)

[Alliance Rules & Policies Website Link - See Link for all information on rules and policies](#)

Playing Rules:

- All Games will play according to [NFHS rules](#), with modifications. ([Link to modifications](#))
 - Pitching Modification/Clarification - All Games will be played by the current NCAA College Pitching rules... (**Modification for 10u - Step Back is Allowed)
- [AFCS Age Requirements - Click Here](#)
- [Event Roster Rules - Click Here](#)
- All Games will have a coin flip for choice of Home or Visitor
 - Any "If Game" will also have coin flip
 - Best 2 out of 3 Championship Series - Teams will flip for choice on game 1 and 3, but will switch from game 1 for game 2
- Bownet is the Official Ball of the Alliance Fastpitch
- All Games – All Games 1:45 Finish Inning except Tier 1 Elite 8 (Tier 1 Final 8 - No Time Limit) (In any event of extended delay and inclement weather, any changes to time limit will need to be decided and approved by the Alliance Rules committee)
- Standard ITB if tied after 7 innings (Runner on 2nd) (Applies to every additional inning)
- Cleat Rule - No Metal Cleats on any turf fields, no limitations on dirt fields
- Games –
 - Line up can consist of up to 11 players
 - 9 players – straight 9
 - 10 players – batting 10, or 9 with flex/DP
 - 11 players – batting 10 with a EP and flex/DP
- **Game Run rule** – 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings
- **Umpires** - covered in entry fee. 2 umpires for all games. 3 umpires for Championship Game
- **Format** - **Exact Format will be determined by the number of teams in the event. But the event will have a Regional round to a Super Regional Round to an Elite 8!**



AFCS 2026 10u Format

Regional round

- Day 1 - Pool Play and Athlete Village Player Experience
- Day 2 - Pool Play continues and is completed
 - ❑ All Teams will advance to Super Regional Brackets based on their results in Pool Play

Super Regional Rounds

- 4 brackets played as a double elimination bracket to final 2 teams
- The Winner of each Super Regional will advance to the Tier 1 Elite 8 as the Super Regional Top Seed
- The 2nd place team in each Super Regional will advance to the Tier 1 Elite 8 as the SR 2nd seed
- Teams that lose 2 games in Super Regionals will advance to the Tier 2 Championship Brackets

Championship Brackets - All teams will play in with Tier 1 or Tier 2 Championship Bracket

- Tier 1 will play an 8 team bracket formatted exactly like the WCWS.
- Tier 1 Championship Game will be on Sunday morning at Kokomo HS stadium at 9 am
- Tier 2 Championship will be played in 2 Brackets, with the top 2 advancing to Sundays Final 4
 - ❑ Tier 2 Final 4 will be played as a 4 team Single E Bracket on Sunday!