



ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST CHECK-IN PRIOR TO COMPETITION

SOFTBALL RULES

Format:

- 10 players (5 male + 5 female)
 - May play with 9 players (4 male + 4 female min.)
 - May play with a minimum of 8 players (4 male + 4 female)
 - Substitute players are ENCOURAGED.
- Double-Elimination Tournament
- 4 inning games (no new innings after 35-minute time limit)
- Extra Innings
 - If game is tied at the end of 4 innings, or after time expires: A new inning will be started, and the player who recorded the last out in the previous inning will start on 2nd base.

Equipment:

- NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED (Rubber or Molded Cleats, or Tennis Shoes ONLY)
- Game ball will be provided.
- Bats – Bring your own. Must be USSSA, ASA, or NSA regulated.
- Glove/Mitt – Bring your own.

Sport Specific Rules:

- **Batting**
 - Players will submit their batting lineup to the umpire at the beginning of each game. Players must use this lineup for the duration of the game. (No gender requirement).
 - You may only have 10 players in the batting order at a time.
 - 3-Pitch Rule
 - A member of your own team will pitch to your batters.
 - You will receive a maximum of 3 pitches per at bat. One of them must be in play (not a foul ball) or you will be declared out.
 - The pitcher can be substituted at any time.
 - Base runners must “give up” or slide. MAY NOT run over the fielder.
 - **Offensive Interference:**
 - If a batted ball touches the pitcher, the batter will be declared out.
 - If a batted ball touches a base runner, the runner will be declared out.
 - If a runner interferes with a fielder’s attempt to make a play on any ball, the runner will be declared out.
 - Courtesy runners may be used once per inning (must be same sex)
 - If courtesy runner is in batting order, and is still on base for their turn to bat, their at-bat will be declared an out.
 - Bunting is NOT ALLOWED.
- **Fielding**
 - Each team MUST have a catcher. There are no other restrictions to defensive set-up.
 - **Defensive Interference:**
 - A fielder may not hinder a runner’s path to the base unless making a play on a batted ball, or fielding a thrown ball.
 - Runner will be awarded one base on an overthrow out of play.

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- **Other**
 - **Substitutions** – players may substitute during the middle of any inning. Players that substitute must remain in/out for one full inning.
 - In case of inclement weather, tournament will be modified to 3-inning games.
 - **Safety Line:** This is an extended line, next to home plate.
 - Runners advancing to home, will cross this line instead of touching home plate.
 - Runners that touch home plate will be declared out.
 - All plays made at home will be a force out, using home plate as the base.
 - **Mercy Rule** – A team leading by 10 or more runs after 3 innings will be declared winner
 - **Inning Run Limit** – A team may only score a maximum of 10 runs per inning
 - Exception: Team can score unlimited runs in the Final Inning.
 - **Late Team / Forfeit Rule**
 - A team will receive a 10-minute grace period to take the field for their first game only.

After your first two rounds, game times are subjected to change. If not present at the start of your game, your game will be forfeited!

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