



## Rules Governing Play:

### 1. Rosters

- ❖ 15 – player maximum
- ❖ Players must be age 18 and older.
- ❖ Players are not allowed to change teams once the team first tournament game is played.
- ❖ Players may play on **ONLY** one team per division (Co-Ed, Men's). Playing on more than one team in the same division is **NOT** permitted.

### 2. Game Times & Forfeits

- ❖ Game consists of seven (7) innings or 60 minutes, whichever comes first. No new innings shall start after 50 minutes.
- ❖ A game that experiences some form of delay (rain, lights out, etc.), but 5 innings were able to be completed, the game stands (regulation game) regardless if the 60 minutes have not expired.
- ❖ Teams are allowed a ten (10) minute grace period from the beginning of the game before the game is ruled a forfeit. During this time the clock will run and for each minute that passes, one (1) run will be awarded to the team that is ready for play

### 3. Playing Rules

- ❖ The batter will start with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count upon entering the batters box.
- ❖ Teams are allowed **ONLY** four (4) over-the fence home runs during the game. Additional over-the fence home runs will result in an out.
- ❖ A team may play with eight (8), nine (9), and ten (10).  
8 players\* = (4 men and 4 women)

9 players\* = (5 men and 4 women or 4 men and 5 women)

10 players\* = (5 men and 5 women)

- ❖ Teams can have anyone playing in the infield or outfield.

#### A. Sliding

- ❖ Players are allowed to slide into a base but are not required to slide when approaching a base. The following is how the official's association will address sliding/obstruction:
  - You cannot crash a fielder waiting with the ball. If this does happen you will be called out, and if determined to be flagrant, by the umpire, the player will be ejected. If the fielder does not have the ball they will be called for obstruction. If a runner must go out of their way to get around a fielder that does not have the ball, obstruction will be called if the umpire sees it. If you are tagged out because you had to go around the fielder, who initially did not have the ball, you will be called safe because of the obstruction, if the umpire sees it.
- ❖ If a player is ejected from the game, an out will be penalized to the team each time the player's spot arrives in the batting order.
- ❖ **No fake tags:** first (1) offense – warning, second (2) offense – ejection.

#### B. Batting Order

- ❖ *Batting the Roster:* The missing player(s) regardless of gender must be entered as an out(s) at the bottom of the batting order.
- ❖ *Batting the Wheel:* This option does **NOT** require your team to take an out for the missing player(s), but additional players may not be added, once the last batter of each gender has batted.
- ❖ Everyone that plays the field must bat.

#### 4. Mercy Rules

- ❖ Games will end and the score will become official if a team is leading by:
  - 20 runs after four (4) innings
  - 15 runs after five (5) innings
  - 10 runs after six (6) innings

#### 5. Umpires & Sportsmanship

- ❖ The umpire has full authority to determine what is unsporting/inappropriate behavior. A player or team may be suspended from the game(s) for misconduct.

- ❖ Umpires are responsible for officiating each game and must receive the full cooperation of both captains and players. Judgment calls by the umpires are **NOT** to be questioned and/or protested.
- ❖ Refund or registration fees are **NOT** given to teams or individuals suspended from the tournament.
- ❖ Any player ejected from a game will receive an automatic, minimum one-game suspension for the next scheduled game. This applies to pool play games and for tournament games.

## **6. Rules Interpretations and Protests**

- ❖ Protests during or after the game will not be considered if it is solely on a decision involving judgment on the part of the umpire. Misinterpretation of a playing rule can be protested during the game in accordance with ASA rules and process. Protests regarding misinterpretation of a playing rule following games will not be considered.

## **7. Equipment & Uniforms**

- ❖ All softball equipment, except games balls, must be supplied by the teams.
- ❖ Team must play with uniform shirts that are alike in color with visible printed numbers on the back. No taped numbers on shirts will be allowed.