

**BREANNE CANDERA MAHON
SCHOLARSHIP
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

RULES & REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

1. Team rosters are limited to twenty (20) players.
2. Divisions: COED, Men's, Women's
3. Awards presented to top 3 finishers in each division
4. Tournament limited to 18 teams total—first come first served
5. All players must be 16 years of age or older

PLAYER ROSTER AND CONTRACTS

- A. All teams must submit a roster before the posted deadline.
- B. Rosters must be filled out completely with release of liability signed as well.

SCHEDULING OF GAMES

- A. Games will be played in accordance with the schedule designed by the Tournament Director.
- B. Any manager/coach finding it impossible to play a scheduled game must notify the Tournament Director as soon as possible, so that necessary arrangements can be made to schedule another game on the assigned field of play. This constitutes a forfeit and the team not at fault will receive credit for a win.
- C. If a game is postponed due to weather, light failure, or conditions beyond our control, the Tournament Director will set a date for the game to be played and will notify all that is affected.

STANDARD GAME PROCEDURE

1. Field supervisors are assigned by the Tournament Director to answer any questions that might arise before and during play.
2. Teams must provide their own practice balls and other equipment they deem necessary.
3. It is the responsibility of the coach/manager to maintain proper conduct among team members and spectators at all times.
4. Starting times of games:
 - a. Teams should be at assigned game site 15 minutes ahead of scheduled time. A game may start earlier than the scheduled time **only if both coaches agree**.
 - b. One hour time limit per game per division. Starting times should be logged into the scorebook. If time remains, a new inning will be started. Any inning started must be finished. Time will be from the umpires watch.

- c. If a team does not have 6 players at game time, the game will be declared a forfeit by the umpire. If neither team has 6 players at game time, the game will be declared a double forfeit.
- d. Postponement or cancellation of games will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- e. Playoff games will not be subjected to the one hour time limit.
- f. Scorebook will be provided but it is the home team's responsibility to maintain the official scorebook. However the visiting team's scorer is requested to frequently check with the home team's scorer to avoid the possibility of mistakes. In the event of a dispute the umpire will collect both scorebooks immediately and make all necessary notations.

PLAYING RULES AND EQUIPMENT

1. A team may start a game with as few as 6 players. The line-up will be one through six or the number of players available to the start the game. The remaining positions will be recorded as outs. The 12-run rule will be in effect from the first inning through the entire game for the team beginning with less than 10 players. The COED line-up will be alternating male/female batters.

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO COED TEAMS ONLY:

1. A team consists of five (5) males and five (5) females on the field.
2. A 12" any colored stitch .44 COR (**or below**) and 375 compression (**or below**) ball will be used for male batters and an 11" any colored stitch .44 COR (**or below**) and 375 compression (**or below**) ball will be used for female batters.
3. **No high performance bats including multi-wall or composite bats are allowed during COED play. If a team suspects an illegal bat is being used by an opposing player (or team), it should be brought to the umpire's attention. The umpire on the field will make decisions on the legality of any bat used. Questionable bats may be disallowed. In the case that an umpire allows or disallows a bat for use, this action will be a judgment call and is not protestable. Players found to be using an illegal bat will be called out by the umpire.**
4. Batting order: Shall alternate the sexes.
5. If a male batter is walked (intentionally or not), the next female batter has her choice of hitting or walking, until she steps into the batter's box. **Any walk of a male batter will result in a two base award.**
6. No restrictions on defensive positioning. A team may play with a minimum of 6 players defensively regardless of the number of players in the batting line-up. **No more than five (5) males or five (5) females allowed on defense.**
7. The 12-person batting option is in effect. At the start of the game, the coach has the option of putting an extra male **and** an extra female batter in the line-up. This option must be declared before the game begins by notifying the umpire and the official scorer. **CAUTION: If a team starts with 12 and loses a player due to injury and has no eligible substitute, the spot**

vacated will count as an out. If a team starts with 12 and loses a player due to ejection and has no eligible substitute, the game will be declared a forfeit.

8. Starting with fewer than 10 players: Teams may start with as few as six players. A team must always be "coed" (have both male and female players). When starting shorthanded, there are never more than five males or females in the batting line-up or on defense. In the batting line-up, alternate male-female with missing players counting as outs.

Examples:

4 men and 2 women at game time

batting order

would be:

1-male

2-female

3-male

4-female

5-male

6-OUT

7-male

8-OUT

9-OUT

10-OUT

5 men and 1 woman at game time

batting order would be:

1-male

2-female

3-male

4-OUT

5-male

6-OUT

7-male

8-OUT

9-male

10-OUT

3-2 RULE

Two strikes will be an out 3 balls will be a walk.

FOUL BALL RULE

Under the 3-2 count, the 2nd. Foul ball after the first strike will be an out.

12-RUN RULE

A 12 run rule will be in effect for all games. The game is over and shall be declared so by the umpire after 4 ½ complete innings if the home team is 12 or more runs ahead or after 5 complete innings if either team is 12 or more runs ahead.

TIME LIMIT

One hour time limit for all divisions, (exception: playoffs no time limit). A new inning must begin if any time remains. Any inning started must be completed. No new inning will be started once time has expired. Extra innings can be played to determine a winner if time remains.

Pitching arc must reach a height of 6 feet from the ground and not exceed 12 feet from the ground.

Game balls will be provided: Men's 12inch .44 Core (375 compression) Women's 11inch .44 Core (375 compression)

Balls will be exchanged by first base coach to pitcher, i.e. Men's 12inch Women's 11inch

REGULATION GAMES

1. It will be a regulation game when 7 innings are played and the game is not tied or the time limit has expired and each team has had an equal number of at bats.

PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT

1. No Smoking or Profanity
2. No alcoholic Beverages

INSURANCE

1. Players participating in this tournament should have accident insurance coverage. This is your responsibility.
2. It is to be understood that the operators of this tournament will not be held liable for injuries sustained by any person or group participating in this tournament while they are playing, practicing, or traveling to and from games or practices.

PLEASE PARK IN AUTHORIZED PARKING AREAS ONLY