

Men's/Women's Tournament Rules

- ❖ You may bat your whole roster.
 - ❖ We will use a one and one count. No Extra foul
 - ❖ You are allowed 2 Courtesy Runners per inning.
 - Any eligible player in the lineup (including available substitutes) may be used as a courtesy runner
 - You may not courtesy run if you have been courtesy ran for that inning
 - If the same player comes up twice in the same inning, they cannot use a courtesy runner again.
 - A courtesy runner whose turn at bat comes while on base will be declared out. The courtesy runner will be removed from base and take their turn at bat. A second courtesy runner CANNOT be substituted at this time.
 - ❖ HOME RUNS (FOR NON-BRACELET EVENTS)
6- MENS OPEN 2- MENS REC 2-WOMENS ALL EXCESSIVE HRS WILL BE DEADBALL OUTS
 - ❖ Games times will be 50 minutes plus 1 inning.
 - ❖ USA Softball run rule in effect for all games: 20 after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5. Championship games will not have a time limit.
 - ❖ Pitchers will have the option to pitch from the rubber at 50' to a maximum of 56'. Pitcher must have one foot touching the pitching box. The arc is to be between 6 'and 10' from the ground.
 - ❖ Umpire will flip a coin to determine the home team for all games (The winners Bracket Champion will be home in the Championship game). "IF GAME"- Umpire will flip a coin to determine home team.
 - ❖ In case of a tie, we will use the International Tie Breaker (the **last batter** will start at second base).
 - ❖ USA Softball stealing allowed.
 - ❖ If you have already played on a team in the tournament, you are not eligible to play for another team. You may pick up from elsewhere if short, permitted they have signed the roster/waiver prior to entering the field. The tournament director may make an exception only in the case of a traveling team.
- Games may start 30 minutes early Teams are required to be ready to play 30 mins earlier than scheduled game times after the first round of games
- ❖ Unless stated otherwise, all other USA Softball rules will be implemented.

Classifications (if team numbers allow), if Open divisions do not have enough, they will follow the REC Rules

MENS OPEN- Teams made up of mostly D and or Higher Players, Teams of players with 5+ years of tournament softball experience

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COED TOURNAMENT RULES

- ❖ You may bat your roster and you may use “the wheel” should you have an odd number exceeding 10 (please note, if you have less than 5 males and 5 females, you must take an out). See next page for wheel example
 - ❖ There must be ten players consisting of five female and five males on the field at any position.
 - ❖ We will use a one and one count with an extra foul with two strikes.
 - ❖ RUN RULE 12 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS- **FLIP-FLOP** If the visiting team is leading by 12 or more going into the top of the 5th, they will become the home and the NOW VISITING TEAM will have to get within 12 runs for the game to continue
 - ❖ We will use the encroachment line for all batters (outfield line that cannot be crossed **prior to hit**). Penalty for crossing- Offense gets the choice, result of play or batter awarded 1st base and any other runner advances, if forced.
 - ❖ HOME RUNS (NON-BRACELET EVENTS)
3- COED OPEN 1- COED REC ALL EXCESSIVE HRS WILL BE DEAD BALL OUT
 - ❖ You are allowed 2 Courtesy Runners per inning Per Gender
 - Any eligible player in the lineup (including available substitutes) may be used as a courtesy runner
 - You may not courtesy run if you have been courtesy ran for that inning
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 - A courtesy runner whose turn at bat comes while on base will be declared out. The courtesy runner will be removed from base and take their turn at bat. A second courtesy runner CANNOT be substituted at this time.
 - ❖ Always a Force At Home Plate/Commitment Line will be used.
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Batting the Wheel

- The wheel batting order will be used if a team has an uneven number of men and women players, after the initial 5 and 5 gender ratio. EXAMPLE- You have more men than women, after the initial 5 and 5 minimum.
- Format- Batting order must always alternate male/female or vice versa. A batter will follow the person of the same gender throughout the game. Once all batters on one gender have batted that gender line-up starts over.
- Players arriving late can be added to the bottom of the line-up with no penalty.

Short Handed

- **ALL COED DIVISIONS**
 1. Teams will be allowed to start and finish with 9 players but must have at least 4 females/or 5 male or vice versa.
 2. If the 10th batter shows up, that player must be placed in the 9th or 10th position in the line-up immediately keeping the male/female or male/female rotation.
 3. If a player is ejected from a game, any time that player comes up in the batting order, an out will be taken, unless he/she is replaced by an available substitute. If ejection takes a team to less than 5 of one Gender, the game is a forfeit. TEAMS MAY NOT PICK UP NON-ROSTERED PLAYERS TO AVOID AN OUT IN THIS INSTANCE. ANY TIME PLAYER THAT COMES UP WILL TAKE AN OUT IN TOURNAMENT PLAY.