

# SOFTBALL

## Format:

United States Slo-pitch Softball Association (USSSA) rules govern the event. Teams will be allowed to participate in Men's and Coed; however if two teams are participating in Coed or Men's you can only play for one team. No Metal Cleats.

## Rules:

An official roster and signed waiver must be turned in to the event coordinator prior to the start of the first games. Each team may carry up to 20 players on its original roster; however, only 15 medals will be awarded to each team regardless of different lineups. Once the roster has been turned in for the first game, no changes can be made. All players must wear the wrist band given at check-in in every game. Game officials may check wrists bands prior to play.

1. Teams may start a game with 8, 9, 10 or 11 (12 if coed) players; however, no more than (10) players may play defensively.
2. If you start a game with (8) players, you will take two automatic outs until the ninth or tenth players arrive. You may not finish the game with less than (8) players. You may not add the additional hitter (AH) once the game starts. Coed can start with (11) and take an automatic out until the 12th player arrives.
3. If you choose to start the game with (11) players, (10) players on defense and the additional hitter, you may finish with no less than (9) players and take two automatic outs. The 11th player can enter the game defensively at any time.

## Coed Softball:

- Batters must alternate female/male in lineup.
- When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with following female batter having the option to walk or bat.
- Substitution players must replace a member of their own gender and re-entry into the game is permitted (as per USSSA rules).
- When starting with ten (10) players, the outfield will consist of two males and two females. The infield will include three men and three women. Outfielders must play at least 25 feet from the baseline. The pitcher can be male or female; the catcher must be of the opposite sex.
- A minimum of four females are required to start the game. (i.e.: playing with 9 players – 4 must be female.)
- An 11-inch softball will be used for women and a 12-inch softball will be used for men.

## Playing Rules:

- Home team will be determined by coin flip. Exception: The undefeated team will be home team in the Championship game. The "IF" game, teams will flip for home team. A batter is out on the second foul ball after a called strike.
- USSSA Rules will govern all play for this tournament. All BATS must have the new 2013 USSSA mark on them!
- The batter is out on 2 strikes and walks on 3 balls.
- Courtesy foul ball rule is in effect.
- The pitching arc must be 6 to 10 feet above the ground.
- There is a 50 minute time limit on games. The umpire or official scorekeeper will keep time. Their decisions are final and will be upheld. Run rule & flip flop will be used:
  - 25 after 3                      20 after 4                      15 after 5
- Home run rule will be 3 per team per game. All additional home runs after that will be a single.