

POPS STIGLITZ COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules apply to everyone so please help us make this fundraiser a success by following:

Open to **MONROE COUNTY RESIDENT TEAMS** and players **ONLY**.

Amateur players only.

NO COOLERS. There will be a full concession stand and beer.

All participants must be at least 15 years of age (strictly enforced).

All participants (players, coaches and umpires) are required to read Rules/Regulations and sign a waiver, and submit it to the registration tent prior to playing - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

No children or non-participants are allowed in the dug outs or on the field at any time.

The allotted game time is 1 hour.

10 minute grace period on the **FIRST GAME ONLY**. Any time used for grace period will come off usable game time.

Metal spike cleats are **PROHIBITED**.

MALE PLAYERS will use **WOODEN BATS ONLY**. The bats will be supplied by the tournament director.

WOMEN may use a **WOODEN BAT OR METAL BAT**. You may bring your own ASA-approved bat.

ALL BATS will be **SHARED** between teams. If you don't want someone else using your bat, don't bring it.

ALL BATS will be placed in cans provided by the tournament before the game starts. If a bat is used and put in the dugout instead of the cans it will result in an **OUT**. No bats in the dugout during the games.

Teams are responsible for their own equipment (uniforms, gloves, ASA bats and practice balls).

ANY EQUIPMENT DEEMED ILLEGAL BY THE UMPIRES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED (INCLUDING BATS).

The pitchers will use an arc from 6' to 12' (Measure from the ground to the top of the arc).

If the pitched ball hits the home plates or the mat it will be called a strike.

Home runs will be determined before the game between team captains and umpire.

5 or 3 home runs. If an agreement can't be reached it will be 3 home runs.

Women have unlimited home runs.

If all home runs are used and a home run is hit, it ends the inning.

WOMEN will hit a **12" SOFTBALL** provided by the Tournament Director.

MEN will hit a **14" SOFTBALL** provided by the Tournament Director.

MERCY RULE:

12 run lead by either team after 5 or more complete innings of play.

OR

20 run lead by either team after 2 or more complete innings of play.

1 strike and 1 ball, foul ball is a strike

You can walk a male to get to a female but not when there are 2 outs.

Pitchers must have one foot on either mound when pitching.

Maximum of 20 players per roster.

Roster changes will be made **BEFORE** game time.

Team batting line up must be turned in to **SCOREKEEPER AND HEAD UMPIRE** 15 minutes prior to game.

NO JUMPERS male or female will be permitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Plan accordingly.

You can bat up to 12 players per game one female or one male

There must be 9 or 10 players on the field during a game.

EVERY TEAM must field a maximum of **7 MEN** and **3 WOMEN.**

Minimum of **ONE FEMALE** in the **INFIELD.**

When a female comes to bat **ALL OUTFIELDERS** must hold the fence until the ball is hit.

Forfeit must be called if there aren't enough players to fill the field.

Home plate umpire is the "Head Umpire." Head umpire shall have sole and final judgment.

NO PROTESTING ALLOWED. Team captains are responsible for player and fan behavior.

When changing batting order you must tell the Umpire and Score Keeper. Same player can only be replaced once per game.

Pinch runners will be last out **MALE FOR MALE AND A FEMALE FOR A FEMALE**

Any **UNNECESSARY CONTACT** with an **OPPOSING TEAM PLAYER** will **NOT** be **PERMITTED** and will result with that player being removed from the game and or park.

You may use 5 designated hitters in your lineup. They must be inserted before the game starts. Once you use the EH, it is the same as the regular lineup. If one of the EH is injured, unless you have a replacement, that persons place in the lineup becomes an out each time they are scheduled to bat. With this rule you may put any 10 players from the lineup on the field, substitutions to the lineup are as normal rules.