



CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

(PAY AT THE PLATE)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. GAMES

- a) A.S.A rule book, accept where amended by these Rules and Regulations shall govern play. PYBSA reserves the right to add or amend any rule at any time.
- b) All registration fees must be paid prior to the start of the first scheduled game.
- c) Inclement Weather: Each team will be responsible checking the PYBSA website at www.pybsa.org.
- d) Suspended Game: Any game stopped due to weather or for any other reason before it is an official game, will be suspended. The game will resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning is completed, the game will start over.
- e) Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are NOT permitted at PYBSA.
- f) Children will not be allowed in the dugout or on the playing field at any time before or during the game do due to risk of injury and liability.
- g) Every game will have 1 umpire. The umpire will be responsible for making all calls. The Umpire is the interpreter, manager and enforcer of the rules and regulations during game play.
- h) Teams must pay at the plate for umpires. CASH ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS!! Umpire fee is \$20.00 per game or \$10.00 per team. Teams will pay 1 umpire at home plate before each game. (If a team forfeits a game, that team will pay the \$20.00 umpire fee)
- i) No Protests Allowed – The decision of the umpire is final.

2. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Teams must have a minimum of four (4) males and four (4) females present at game time to avoid forfeiting the game. Teams can play five (5) females and four (4) males or five (5) males and four (4) females to start the game with one out. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!!!
- b) Teams may elect to use “Extra Players” (EP’s). If a team elects to use EP’s, they must finish the game with 12 players or an automatic out or outs will be charged to the position of the batting order for the player(s) who is unable to finish the game.
- c) Roster – All team members MUST sign a team roster to be eligible to play. Teams can have an unlimited amount of players on their roster but players may only play on one team.
- d) Age Limit: All players must be at least 18 years of age to play in the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS!!



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3. EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND JERSEYS

- a) Uniforms – All players on the team must have numbers on the back of the jersey.
- b) Like colored jerseys are not required.
- c) Shoes: Molded rubber cleats are permitted, but steel cleats are strictly prohibited. No street shoes or boots will be allowed. All players must wear shoes.
- d) Numbers: Duplication of numbers will not be allowed. Numbers should be on the back of T-Shirts/Jerseys, six (6) inches in height and contrasting color.
- e) Balls: Each team is responsible for supplying their own balls. You need to have two (2) balls available for each game. The 12-inch ball must be stamped .52 cor 300 compression, the 11-inch ball can be either be .44 cor or .52 cor 300 compression. All softballs must have the ASA or TAAF certification stamp on the ball. No “Hot Dot” type balls will be permitted. Co-ed male and men’s league players shall hit a 12-inch ball, and the Coed female players shall hit an 11-inch ball. All balls must have the specifications that are listed above or they will not be accepted. Yellow or white softballs are now approved for league play. *The PYBSA main concession stand will have these balls available for sale for \$6.00 each.*
- f) Bats: A bat cannot be longer than 34 inches and cannot weight more than 38 ounces. Tampered with or illegal bats will be determined by the umpire.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP

- a) Unsportsmanlike Conduct: UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! The use of profanity or the use of abusive language toward an official or member of PYBSA the softball league staff by any player, manager or coach will not be tolerated under ANY circumstances. There will be a minimum of one (1) game suspension.
- b) Any player, manager or coach who is ejected from a game by a PYBSA league official will receive a minimum one (1) game suspension from tournament play which will be the next game for that team on the bracket. If the next game is a forfeit, it will count as a suspended game and the player in question will become eligible for the next game.
- c) Any player, manager or coach indulging in alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs during a game will be removed from the game. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are NOT permitted at PYBSA.
- d) Intentional Bat Throwing: Automatic one (1) game suspension. This is not an offense that can be protested. The judgment of the umpire is final.
- e) Ejected players are required to leave the playing facility, PYBSA, and are barred for the duration of the suspension. Failure to comply may result in a forfeited game.
- f) Any player, manager or coach who is ejected for fighting will be EXPELLED from the facilities



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5. GAME REGULATIONS

- a) The home team shall provide the official Score Keeper. The Score keeper is to keep track of the line-up cards, team rosters, the official time and score of the game.
- b) Home team will be determined by coin flip by the Tournament Director 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Team managers are encouraged (not required) to attend the pregame coin flip.
- c) Batting Order – A batting order must be turned in to the scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. The batting order must be followed with no batter out of turn, and all batters batting before returning to the top of the batting order. Only ten (10) players (12 if EP's are used) on the batting order turned in to the scorekeeper may bat. Substitutes must be reported to the umpire/scorekeeper.
- d) Warm-up: There will be NO infield warm-up prior to the start of the game. A pitcher will be allowed five (5) warm up pitches prior to the start of the game and two (2) pitches between innings.
- e) Game Time: GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME! An official game will have seven (7) inning limit with no inning starting after 55 minutes of play unless the score is tied. If the score is tied, the game will continue with a full count (3 balls & 2 strikes) on each batter until there is a winner. Game time will be kept by the score keeper.
- f) Run Rule: A 20 run rule will apply after three (3) innings (2 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). A 15 run rule will apply after four (4) innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). A 10 run rule will apply after five (5) innings (4 ½ inning if the home team is ahead).
- g) The run rule will be in effect. In addition, each team may only score ten (10) runs per inning, with the only exception being the 7th inning of the game when you can score unlimited runs.
- h) Teams will start with a one ball and one strike count at every bat.
- i) Teams may not steal bases.
- j) Player Substitution: Any starting player may be taken out of the game and re-entered only ONE time. If a starter is placed back into the game, he/she must resume his/her original position in the batting order. A substitute may not re-enter the game. If a team re-enters a substitute and it is brought to the attention of the umpire, then the game will be forfeited to the offended team. When making a substitution, the coach or manager must notify the plate umpire, otherwise, the



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substitute will be ejected from the game.

- k) Extra Player: An extra player is optional. If a team so chooses to use an extra player (12 players, 6 men & 6 women), he or she must be listed in the starting line up. If a team begins with twelve (12) players, it may drop back to ten players (5 men & 5 women) under the following conditions: the two (2) players who leave the game must be of the opposite sex and in consecutive order in the batting line-up. Automatic outs will then be taken in those positions.
- l) Home Run Restrictions: There will be a maximum of four (4) home runs over the fence with each additional ball hit over the fence will be a ground rule single. (i.e.: With runners on base and the ball is hit over the fence all runners will advance one base whether forced to advance or not.
- m) Blood Rule: If a player, coach or umpire who is bleeding or has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. A uniform change may be required. We suggest keeping ace bandages on hand as bleeding injuries must be covered before a player may return to the game.

6. AWARDS

- a) A trophy will only be given to the first place champion.

7. INSURANCE

- a) Individual players are NOT covered by any insurance policy held by PYBSA. Teams and/or individual players must provide their own insurance coverage if they so desire.
- b) **YOU ARE PLAYING AT YOUR OWN RISK!**