

Rules of Jefferson Grange #1384 Co-Ed Softball Tournament to benefit Special Olympics-Schuylkill

1. Single wall alloy/aluminum bats will be the only type of bat permitted for use during the tournament. Double wall, composite bats, Little League wooden bats, two-piece bats, and bats with a sleeve will not be allowed. All teams will have an inspection of their bats prior to their first tournament game and those bats are the ONLY bats permitted to be used during their games. If an illegal bat is found being used after the initial inspection, the team will automatically forfeit that game. No exceptions!
2. Umpires will be provided for 1st game of each day following that each team must provide a umpire for the following game. No exceptions
3. 1 home run per inning. All other home runs will be called outs.
4. No infield fly balls. They will result in an out.
5. If you're team is short a player, we will provide you with a pickup player. No random selections
6. Rosters must be submitted before you set field. Maximum of 14 players on team roster. No changes can be made to the roster after is has been submitted.
7. Four (4) girls must be on field at all times
8. There are three (3) outs per inning or ten (10) Batters Rule in effect during the 1st through 5th innings. After 5th inning, no rule – keep batting. When the 10th batter bats with less than two outs, the inning ends when the lead runner is out.
9. Teams are allowed to score 6 runs per inning. Any runs that score on a live play will count above 6.
10. Bunting will not be permitted. Stealing or leaving the base prior to the ball having contact with the bat /leaving the base early will result in: a 1st time, Warning, 2nd time and any time following the runner is out. Sliding is at your own risk.
11. Each team will be allowed to have one courtesy runner. The player that needs the courtesy runner will be disclosed prior to the start of the game and documented on the team line-up. EXCEPTION – In the event of an injury, a pinch runner will be permitted, however the injured player may not return to the game. The courtesy runner will be the team member that made the last out. A team may use a pinch runner as needed for injury, meaning a pinch runner may be used more than once due to injury. The courtesy runner and the pinch runner must be the last out.
12. Pitchers--Slow Pitch with a 3-to-10-foot arch from the release - We will be using a mat. Umpires shall take charge if pitcher is not meeting the requirements. In the event of a poor performing pitcher, umpires have the authority to request a replacement.
13. 50-minute time limit for each game. If tied game go back to the 4th inning and whoever was in the lead takes the win.
14. Each team captain must sign the rules and fully understand the rules to prevent all arguments.
15. All plays at the plate you must slide (no tackling/running through the catcher)

