



## OPEN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

1. **Purpose:** To disseminate information and instruction pertaining to Open Softball tournaments.
2. **Eligible Teams / Players:** Open Island-wide.
3. **Team Size:** The team size will be limited to 15 players, plus a coach. A coach who participates as a player will count against the 15 player limit. Each team must start with 9 players. There are no exceptions (USA Softball Rules).
4. **Awards.** Team and Individual awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.
5. **Tournament Rules:**
  - a. Game time is forfeit time with those exceptions that are deemed necessary by the Tournament Director in order to meet any unforeseen contingencies.
  - b. The USA Softball rules will apply as modified by these by-laws or the Tournament Director.
  - c. All games will have a 60-minute time limit, **ONLY THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND "IF" GAMES WILL HAVE A 75-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.**
  - d. The Mercy Run Rule, "20 after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5", will be in effect for all games.
  - e. *As stated in the USA Softball 2009 Rule Changes, "Prior to the pitch the batter will enter the batters box with a one ball one strike count". For example, upon entering the batters box for the first time, if the pitcher throws two strikes, then the batter is out. If the pitcher throws three balls, the batter takes a walk.*
  - f. All team Coaches are responsible for getting the time and field assignments of their next game from the Tournament Director. There will be no excuses for failure to be aware of your next game times and location.
  - g. All teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to game time. Coaches must have their line-ups in the score book 15 minutes prior to their game time.
  - h. Shoes with metal cleats are the only type of foot wear that will not be **authorized** to be worn by any participating player.
  - i. Coaches are responsible to ensure that prior to leaving the ball field, team areas are cleaned of all trash, i.e. cups and personal gear.

j. Teams that fail to show for their first game will automatically be forfeited out of the remainder of the tournament, unless the Tournament Director is made aware of this prior to that team's first game.

6. **Officials.** There will be one home plate umpire, one field umpire and one scorekeeper for all games.
  7. **Team Rosters:** All team rosters must be turned in 30 minutes prior to your first game. Any team discovered to have played a game or is currently playing with an illegal player will forfeit out of the tournament. It is the responsibility of teams to protest illegal players to the Tournament Director.
  8. **Protest:** The only protest that will be entertained will be for illegal players. All protests will be handled by the Tournament Director.
  9. **Ejection:** If a player or coach is ejected from the game, they must leave the playing area within a reasonable amount of time. They will sit out for the remainder of that game and their next game as well. All ejections will be reviewed by the Tournament Director for further actions.
  10. **Alcohol:** NO ALCOHOL OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED IN THE TEAM AREA OR ON THE FIELD OF PLAY. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TEAM AREAS AND WILL BE EJECTED ALONG WITH INDIVIDUAL POSSESSING THE ALCOHOL. ANY PLAYER APPEARING TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. **THERE WILL BE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE PERMITTED.**
- Note: MCBJ/IIIMEF Order 1050.7A Personnel are not authorized to consume alcoholic beverages at spectator-type events, public gatherings or assemblies unless such beverages are dispensed to the general public by an activity authorized by competent authority. MCCS will not be responsible for enforcing this order, however all personnel are expected to comply.
11. **Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted in the team/bench area, field of play or to be used by any player during their game. **THIS INCLUDES ANY E-CIGARETTE OR OTHER SMOKING RELATED PARAPHERNALIA.**
  12. **Pets:** There shall be no pets of any kind allowed on any athletic field or within spectator seating.
  13. **Tournament Director:** The Tournament Director, or MCCS Representative, will be responsible for the administration of the tournament and all aspects thereof. Any and all decisions are final.