



CHICAGO FESTIVAL SOFTBALL

Tournament Rules:

- Teams must be formed by businesses - this is a "business-to-business" tournament.
- Tournament is single elimination with a consolation bracket (2 game guarantee).
- Tournament slots are on a first come first serve basis. Teams to be drawn from a hat.
- We will provide 16" softball bats and balls for the tournament.
- All players on a team must wear matching jerseys or t-shirts. Numbered shirts are nice but not required.
- Teams formed by businesses or associations, 70% of each team's roster must be employed at the company they are playing, be a vendor, or a customers during the tournament. If need be a spouse can count towards the roster.
- Team's rosters and Waiver forms must be signed. Team rosters will be verified day of for those who qualify for semi-final round. We want to avoid any disputes prior to the championship games. Any misrepresentation will result in immediate disqualification from tournament. Acceptable forms of verifications are a working email address, work id badges or check stub from the company to which you are representing.

Rules of the Game:

- ASA 16-inch softball rules apply.
- If you are ejected from a game you will need to sit out the next game. If your ejected twice you will be asked to leave the tournament.
- Any fights will results in an automatic ejection from the whole tournament.
- Rules of the Game continued:
- There is a maximum of 18 people per team, minimum of 10.
- You must be 18 or older to play.
- Gloves are optional.

Rules of the Game continued:

- No metal cleats.
- You can lead off any base.
- Players cannot advance on pick-off attempts by pitcher or catcher.
- 6-to-12 foot arc required on pitches.
- "No collision rule" in effect on all bases.
- The "15-run rule" applies after the fourth inning; the "10-run rule" applies after the fifth.
- All players will start with a 1:1 count at bat. Players are out on a foul ball after the second strike, there are no foul balls to waste.
- Teams can bat up to 11 players. And must alternate male and female batters.
- Co-ed teams must have at least 3 ladies playing on the field at all times. If you bat an 11th player (DH) it is your choice male or female.
- Courtesy runners are allowed. And can be designated for the entire game (last outruns for that player) or determined during play. In co-ed a women must run for a women.
- During co-ed games, if a male is walked he automatically goes to second base. Also, the next female batter has the option to walk or bat after two outs during the inning.
- Substitutions during games may re-enter once but players must bat in their original batting order.
- When a female is batting the outfielders must play approx 30" behind the base.



- Southwest Association umpires will be present.
- Any bats are OK.
- Winner can keep the ball.
- If you lose the first game, you will play one more consolation game.
- If you win the first game, it is single elimination from that point.
- 16" softballs can be bought in advance for 15 dollars- shipping from Tiffany Hoffman.