

Elijah's Truth 2010 Charity Softball Tournament

Softball Rules

NOTE: This tournament will be governed by the official rules of the Amateur Softball Association of America (A.S.A.) with the following modifications.

1. Tennis shoes or rubber-cleated shoes must be worn. Metal cleats are illegal. Shoes deemed to be unsafe by the umpire or tournament officials will also be prohibited
2. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!** Teams must be ready to play at scheduled time with a minimum of 8 players. Penalty: Forfeit. Home team is determined by a pre-game coin toss.
3. **No new inning will be started after 60 minutes.** Game time begins with the coin toss. At the end of the time limit (upon completion of inning started), the game will be called.
4. A team leading by 15+ runs after three innings or 10+ runs after five innings (4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead) or any complete inning thereafter will be declared the winner and the game complete.
5. There is no maximum number of batters, a team can choose to bat as many as they wish, you must have 8 to start. There are no restrictions concerning field substitution but, the batting order must remain the same
6. If a team begins with only 8 or 9 players they may add players at the bottom of the batting order up until all players in the line-up have batted once. They will not be charged an out in 9th or 10th positions, however after the 1st batter has appeared at the plate a second time a team will not be able to add a 9th or 10th player in the line-up.
7. When the batter enters the batter's box he/she will have the count of one ball and one strike. After the batter has received a count of two strikes, he/she will be declared out on the second foul (the first foul will be called a "courtesy foul").
8. All players in the field (maximum of 10, minimum of 8) must appear in the batting order Defensive changes are unlimited provided that the game is not unduly delayed.
9. Any of the starting players may be substituted or replaced and re-entered once, provided players occupy the original positions whenever in the line-up. The starting player and his substitute may not be in the line-up at the same time. Non starting players may not re-enter.

10. **Courtesy runners will be allowed** for injured players. All courtesy runners must be the last player to have made an out.
11. The pitch, delivered with an underhand motion, must have a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum of 12 feet.
12. No profanity, regardless of who it is directed at. If the official can hear it, an ejection will follow.
13. No arguing with the officials. Disagreements must be handled through team managers and when the decision is explained, that's the end of it. No arguing balls and strikes.
14. Minimum age for players is 16 years old. If under 18 a parent or guardian must sign the roster.
15. Elijah's Truth will provide game balls. Make sure to return softballs to the umpire when finished. Any softballs needed for warm-ups must be provided by your team
16. Use of an illegal bat listed on the ASA banned bat list, or a bat that has been altered or is not recognizable because name/description have been removed are not allowed.
17. In case of bad weather – call Kip Johnson at 218-205-2706

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages
- Announce all substitutions to the umpire
- Please do not impede the progress of the game
- Concessions are available at the fields. Please clean up after yourselves.

FINE PRINT: The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the rules, schedules, brackets, and field locations as needed to complete the tournament. Every attempt will be made to honor the game minimum – however, if a situation develops where a team forfeits or the weather does not cooperate, the Tournament Director will make an attempt to reschedule games, shorten games, or cancel games in order to complete the tournament in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions, please contact Kip Johnson – 218-205-2706