

# SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## 1. Softball Tournament Procedures

- a. Deadline: Thursday at 9:00 am. Teams will be called late Thursday afternoon and given their game times.
- b. Rosters:
  - i. NSA: Must do an online roster and turn in at the tournament. **Umpires do an individual roster check of the last three teams.**
  - ii. USSSA: Fill out an online roster or turn in a paper roster with the sanctioning fee. Limit 20 players per roster. Should we have umpires do an individual roster check for the last three teams?
  - iii. Moonlight USSSA: Fill out an online roster or turn in a paper roster with the \$20 team-sanctioning fee. The online roster fee is paid one time for the calendar year. Limit 20 players per roster.
  - iv. Moonlight NSA: Turn in a paper roster and \$25 per team per tournament.
- c. Rules:
  - i. NSA and USSSA Tournaments: Follow their rules
  - ii. Recreation and Moonlight tournaments: Follow Rec Sports Tournament Rules. **Each team should be given a copy of these rules before the tournament.**
    - Home Run rule: One home run with the one up.
    - Count 1-1 with one grace foul.
    - Courtesy runner: Previous batter of the same sex that is not on base.
    - Mercy Rule: 15 after 4, 12 after 5, and 10 after 6 innings.
- d. Format
  - i. NSA and USSSA tournaments: Double Elimination
  - ii. Recreation and Moonlight: 3 game pool play and then teams carry their record into the playoffs. Teams will continue playing until they lose twice. If there is an odd number of teams. Then one team will only play two games in pool play. This team will also get a bye win. It's as if they are 1-0 going into the tournament. Sell this as a positive for the team.
- e. Pricing:

	Regular	Pre-pay
i. Recreation	\$120	\$110
ii. Grand Slams	\$150	\$150
iii. Moonlight Bash For Cash	\$150	\$140

### **Teams must submit all fees before playing their first game.**

The NSA tournaments require teams to pay the sanctioning fee online prior to the tournament. Each team will also pay \$12 per game in umpiring fees and supply softballs.

- f. Awards;
  - i. Grand Slams & Qualifiers: Top 3 teams receive sponsor awards and the top team receives individual awards.
  - ii. USSSA Bash for Cash: Cash payments of \$25 per team for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$10 per team for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$5 per team for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- iii. Recreation Tournaments: Sponsor trophy and set of shirts. Sponsor trophies are awarded as follows:
  - 1-4 teams: 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 5-6 teams: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 7 and above: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- g. Payment: Checks and cash, PayPal ?? Teams can have us hold a check and they pay cash on that day. We can also take a credit card hold. PayPal takes all credit cards, debit accounts, and PayPal accounts.
- h. Bats: Lists should be at each field.
  - i. NSA tournaments: Must be NSA approved.
  - ii. USSSA: Must be USSSA approved
  - iii. Moonlight and Recreation: Generally, we will be going USSSA

## 2. Policies:

- a. Team Doesn't Show: Give them 5 minutes grace. Forfeit them out of that one game. They do not get a pro-rated refund. If there are 6 teams in the tournament and one forfeits, the awards will generally be based on the five teams that show up.
- b. Rain Delay: Take delays as needed. We do have Stone-dust and Dri-Zorb. Typically, we will play all we can on Saturday and then finish up on Sunday. If time is limited options are 1-1 count, one pitch, time limits, 5 inning games.
- c. Illegal Players: The Tournament Director and Umpire-In-Chief can declare an illegal player at anytime. Teams can protest a player for \$75 per player. Have players write this down so there is no confusion. If this occurs, the player and coach should be suspended for one year.