

RSA SUMMER SMASH SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Tournament Info and Rules

A big thank you to the 14 teams in this year's tournament. This is my first effort after being away from tournaments for 15 years. I look forward to meeting each of you during the tourney, and I'll be eager to hear your thoughts about improving this and other RSA tournaments in the future.

Please keep in mind that coolers are not allowed in the park during the tournament. We have a full concession stand, and offer four different beers. Prices have been reduced by 33%. Proceeds from the concession stand go right back into McQuillan to maintain and improve the complex.

The round robin portion of the tourney will be run as follows:

Each team is scheduled for four games (3 Sat & 1 Sun). Home and Visitor will be designated, just as if though it was a regular league season. Teams are awarded points toward single elimination seeding based on margin of victory. This takes care of much of the tie-breaker based on records alone.

Points awarded...

20 run win, 3 innings 11 pts

16 run win, 4 innings 10 pts

12 run win, 5 innings 9 pts

8 run win, 6 innings 8 pts

Regular win, 7 innings 7 pts

Win in eight innings 6 pts

Win in nine innings 5 pts

Tie in nine innings 2 pts ea

At the conclusion of each game, the umpire will hand the scorecard to the winning team manager. This card is to be turned in to the tourney director, and the manager will receive a \$20 concession certificate. (Any ties will split the certificate.)

All teams will be seeded into a 14-team, single elimination bracket, with play starting at about noon on Sunday.

ASA Rules apply to all games, with the following exceptions:

Run rules in Round Robin are 20/3, 16/4, 12/5, 8/6. These games can end in a tie after nine innings.

Games will not be timed.

Pitcher may start at any point from the pitching plate and back six feet. (This is the ASA Seniors rule)

There will be NO strike mat!!

As this is an ASA tournament involving teams from many places, we will follow the ASA rule.

The umpires are all experienced without a mat, having worked places like Corkys, along with state tournaments and beyond.

NO DRINKING or smoking during the game, either on or off the field. One warning, then ejection.

Teams may start and end the game with 9 players, but at no time may drop to 8 players.

Teams may bat everyone (Hoffman Rule).

Late arriving players may be added up until the lead-off batter steps to the plate his second time.

If a player has to leave the game, that spot will be negated in the lineup. He may NOT return.

Each team may use up to two courtesy runners per game. Once the batter-runner reaches base and time is called, he/she may be replaced by a courtesy runner, who may be ANY player currently in the lineup. However, if the courtesy runner is on base at the time his/her position comes up to bat, the courtesy runner is out.

If a team has and uses an available substitute to run for a batter-runner who has reached base, this is merely a substitution, and does not count as a courtesy runner.

ANY UPDATES TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE POSTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE

I hope I didn't forget anything, but if I did, the official rules are what is posted on site.