

N.D. State & Inv. Tournament Instructions to all MSP & WSP Team Managers

Teams may start with nine (9) players. The tenth position in the batting order will be an automatic out each time that position comes to bat. The tenth player may enter the game at any time that they show up.

Team Forfeit: Teams that forfeit as a result of other than ineligible players or acts of suspension under **Article 305 (A)** of the USA Softball Code, shall be allowed to continue in the tournament unless the forfeit was their eliminating loss. All Forfeits count as team loss.

Uniform Rule: Follow USA Softball Rule book. Class B/C must wear complete uniform. D & below matching shirts with numbers. Shorts must be like in color for B/C. B/C- Caps and visors may be mixed in color as long as they are the color of the team uniform and **worn properly.**

Run Ahead Rule: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. A/B - 20 after 4 innings & 15 after 5 innings.

Courtesy Runner: One courtesy runner per inning. (All Divisions of play) **Coed** – Gender specific.

Pitching: 1-1 Count, no courtesy foul.

Bats: USA Softball approved bats only. **State Tournaments** – mandatory compression testing at Men's Rec 1 and higher. Random testing in all other divisions.

Line Up Cards: Line up cards required listing names of all starters and substitutes.

No Metal Spikes.

Jewelry Rule: Follow USA Softball Jewelry Rule.

Protests: All protests must be settled immediately. No protests on judgment calls.

Game Time: Game time is forfeit time.

State Tmt. Pickup Rule: Teams may pick-up a maximum of 3 players not to exceed 12 total players. Pickups must come from same classification or below from **ND tournament-eligible rosters only.** *State Pickup Player form must be signed by league rep or state official and submitted to Tournament Director prior to first game. \$20 fee due at the tournament if an unapproved pickup form is submitted. Pickup players may not play until approved.* Pick-up players must wear their own uniform of highest classified team they are picked up from. **(No pickups may come from League Only rosters)**

No artificial noise makers (boom boxes, music boxes, etc. while game is in progress. Penalty Ejection.

Invitational Tournament Pickup Rule: 3 pickup players allowed with maximum of 12 players. USA Softball of North Dakota Tournament eligible rostered players only. Must wear uniform of highest rated team. **See Sec VII, 3.2 of USA Softball of North Dakota Guide Book** for further information on pickup rule or USA Softball of North Dakota web site. **(No pickup players may come from League Only Rosters)**

HR Rules

MSP AA – 12 HR

A – 10 HR

B – 7 HR

C – 5 HR

D – 3 HR

Rec 1 & 2 – 2 HR

Rec 3 – 1 HR

Rec 4 – 1 HR

Masters 35/40, Division 1 – 5 HR

Masters 35/40, Division 2 – 2 HR

Masters 35/40, Division 3 – 1 HR

Masters 50/60 – 3 HR

WSP C – 4 HR

D – 3 HR

Rec 1 – 2 HR

Rec 2 – 2 HR

Rec 3 – 1 HR

Rec 4 – 1 HR

Masters – 4 HR

COED Division 1 – 4 HR

Divisions 2 & 3 – 2 HR

Division 4 – 0 HR

Any HR over the limit is an automatic out. Inside-the-park HRs or 4 base awards are not counted against the limit. HRs may not be run out.

State Tmt. Time Limit -

WSP – 75 Minute time limit on all games.

MSP – 75 Minute time limit on all (Rec 3 & Rec 4) games

No inning shall start after 75 minutes has elapsed. Exception-Championship Game

Game Rules: Participants may not use alcoholic beverages inside or directly behind the dugout or on the playing field. **Auto Ejection.**

Always check the board or, if applicable, Tourney Machine for possible changes in game times and diamonds.

Rosters: Teams must carry their roster and player must carry ID's. Roster checks will be performed for all teams still competing for the championship at the start of the final day of the

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Enforcement of all rules are the responsibility of the Tournament Director & UIC