

# SCMAF GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES (COED DIVISIONS)

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1. Roster may not exceed sixteen (16) players including a playing manager — no players will be permitted to be added after the deadline.

2. This tournament is open to those teams which have participated in a league conducted by a SCMAF member agency in good standing.

3. All batters will start with a 1-1 count. When after having two strikes, the batter hits a foul ball, said batter shall be declared out. (Rule 6, Section 9(C) does not apply).

**NOTE:** If such a batted ball is caught on the fly and the fielder remains in live ball territory, the ball is alive and in play.

4. Time of game and innings. All games will be seven (7) innings or no new innings after 60, 65 or 70 minutes of play (determined by the tournament director), whichever occurs first for all games except final championship games which have no time limit. Any innings started will be completed. Tie games will continue until there is a winner.

5. When a male batter is at-bat, a 12-inch softball shall be used and when a female batter is at-bat, an 11-inch softball shall be used.

**NOTE:** For all tournament divisions EXCEPT "REC," for games utilizing both a 12-inch and 11-inch softball, SCMAF COED Rule, Section 3 (180-foot arc limitation) does not apply.

6. Forfeit time is 5 minutes. Forfeit time shall apply to each team's first scheduled game only. Game time shall be forfeit time for all other games. For tournament play only, a team may begin and/or play a game with eight (8) rostered players (4 men and 4 women).

7. A game will end when one team is ahead by twenty (20) runs after four (4) innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead), fifteen (15) runs after five (5) innings (4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead), or twelve (12) runs after six (6) innings (5 1/2 innings if home team is ahead). Complete innings must be played unless the home team attains the designated lead in its half of the inning. When the visiting team achieves the designated lead in the top half of the inning, the home team must have their opportunity to bat in the bottom of the inning.

8. The minimum penalty for ejected players is suspension from the game ejected and the following game. Suspension could be for the remainder of the tournament as deemed by the Tournament Director.

9. A male batter who is walked on three (3) consecutive balls without any strikes received during his turn at bat or intentionally walked prior to any pitches shall be awarded second base. Base runners advance only if forced to vacate their bases. NOTE: After a male batter receives one (1) or more strikes and is then issued an intentional walk, he shall be awarded first base.

#### 10. Player Eligibility:

- a. The age requirement for tournament play is 18 years of age or older.
- b. Any player playing or attempting to play under an assumed name will be ejected from the tournament, and the last game in which he/she participated before such deception is discovered, shall be declared forfeited and his/her team shall be suspended from further play.
- c. Each team member will be required to sign a SCMAF waiver prior to participating in their first game each day. A positive means of identification, (driver's license, or other picture identification) must be presented to the Tournament Director at that time. Any player not furnishing positive identification acceptable to the Tournament Director will not be permitted to play. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- d. Any illegal player signing the waiver, prior to or after the start of the game, will cause a forfeit to be declared against the team on which he/she is attempting to play. If a player's name appears on more than one roster in the tournament, the first team he/she plays for shall commit him/her to that team. (Penalty: If an individual plays on more than one team in any of the tournaments, the second team will forfeit the last game in which said player participated).

**Home Run Rule:** Over-The-Fence Home Run Rule for COED Tournaments with fences a minimum of 275 Feet: "E" Division - "One up" Home Run, Batter Out. "REC" Division - No Home Runs, Batter Out. In the case that a fly ball contacts a fielder, then proceeds over the home run fence in fair territory, this does NOT count as a home run for the purposes of interpreting the "one-up" home run rule. In this case, the batter is awarded 4 bases and all other base runners score.

**NOTE:** For a definition of "One-up" Home Run Rule, see Men's Tournament Rules, Section 2(f).

**PITCHING ARC:** In "REC" Division Tournaments, the upper pitching arc limit shall be 16-feet. For all other divisions, the upper pitching arc limit shall be 12-feet, or 16-feet, as determined by the hosting agency.

## ADDITIONAL SCMAF COED SOFTBALL RULES

Rules and conditions of Tournament Play shall follow the rules as are outlined for regular softball in the SCMAF Softball Rule Book with the following exceptions:

#### COED RULES:

1. A defensive team shall consist of ten (10) players, with a maximum of 5 men and 5 women in the game defensively at all times. However, a game may be played without forfeit with eight (8) rostered players, (4 men - 4 women), or nine (9) rostered players with no more than five (5) of either sex. (Specifically: 4 women—5 men or 5 women—4 men) 5/3 is not a permissible distribution of men/women or women/men.

Substitutes must be listed at the bottom. Substitutions or courtesy runners must be of the same sex as the individual being replaced.

2. Batting order. A batting order must be submitted prior to the game and followed during the game. The batting order may not exceed sixteen (16) players and must list men and women separately and followed alternately such that two batters of the same sex may never bat consecutively.

3. A minimum of three (3) fielders must be behind an outfield restriction line (180 foot arc from home plate) when the batter hits the pitch. Penalty: For a batted fair ball, the batter and all base runners will be awarded one base unless each has advanced one base safely, in which case the play proceeds without reference to the violation. For a batted foul ball or foul tip, a ball is awarded to the batter. However, if a play follows the infraction (such as runners tagging-up on a caught, foul fly ball) the manager of the team at-bat may elect to decline the penalty and accept the results of the play.

**NOTE:** This section does not apply for coed games which utilize an 11-inch ball for female batters.

4. There will be no restrictions on a player (man or woman) as to which defensive position he or she may play.

5. If a player is ejected from tournament play, when no legal substitute is available, the batting order spot for the ejected player shall be an out each time said spot comes up in the batting order.

6. For championship games during double-elimination tournaments, the undefeated team is automatically the home team, but if the home team then loses the game, forcing an "IF" game, the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

7. For single-elimination tournaments, where seeding has taken place, the higher-seeded team shall automatically be the home team.

8. If a game is tied at the end of time or 7 innings, subsequent innings shall begin with the last out of the previous inning for the team at-bat being placed on 2nd base. A courtesy runner MAY NOT be used for this runner until the conclusion of at least one at-bat in the inning.