

# CLASSIC CUP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Pitching nets must be used in parks equipped with them (SAFETY FIRST). If a batted ball hits net, it is a dead ball and not counted as a strike. If a thrown ball hits the net, ball is in play.
2. No steel cleats, no bunting, no stealing and no leading. Sliding is allowed at any base other than home.
3. Infield fly rule is in effect.
4. Safety lane is in effect, as well as commitment line between 3rd base and home plate.
5. Tagging-up is allowed at all bases.
6. Three (3) pitches to men and women. If pitcher is hit by a batted ball on the 1st or 2nd pitch, the play is dead and counts as a strike; if the pitcher is hit by a batted ball on the 3rd pitch, the batter is out, and base runners do not advance. If a pitching net is used, a batted ball hitting the net is a dead ball, not a strike.
7. Batting order is alternating men and women. If there are an uneven number of either men or women, two lists must be maintained to ensure it alternates.
8. Defensive alignment is 10 players of which no more than six (6) can be men.
9. Defensive players may stand anywhere on the field in fair territory. There must be a catcher behind the plate.
10. Balls thrown in from rovers or outfielders must first be thrown to an infielder before being thrown to opposing pitcher, or any base runner may try to advance at his/her own risk.
11. Maximum five (5) runs per inning. Last inning open in all round-robin and playoff games. Round-robin and playoff games are five (5) innings. Finals are seven (7) innings. Play out all round-robin games; run difference will break ties. Playoffs do not need to be played out.
12. Home team decided by coin toss for round-robin games. In playoff games, team finishing higher in standings will be home team. If tied, higher run difference will decide.
13. If a team has only two or three (2 or 3) women, the third and/or fourth woman in batting spot is an automatic out.
14. For a player to be eligible for playoff games, he/she must be on the team roster and have played in at least one round-robin game.
15. To be out at home, a defensive player must be on home plate. Base runner cannot be tagged between commitment line and home plate.

16. Ties are allowed in round-robin games. Each team gets 50 points plus their score. There are no ties in the playoffs. If a game is tied (playoffs), last batter goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base with 1 out to start the inning. Play continues this way until 1 team is up after the complete inning.
17. A pinch runner is allowed from home plate. If you use a pinch runner in a game (last person out of the same gender), you must use a pinch runner for the rest of the game. Pinch runner does not need to stop at first.
18. Once the ball goes back to the pitcher, no appeal of a play may be made.
19. Winning teams receive 100 points plus their score. Losing teams only count their score.
20. For a base runner to be safe at home plate, any part of his/her body over the line ahead of the throw is OK. Base runner does not have to be completely over the line.
21. Only coaches talk to umpires. Players arguing or fighting risk being thrown out. Any player continually arguing, or fighting will be thrown out of the game.
22. A player, if he/she wishes, can pitch only. However, he/she must be on the team roster. If a player hits, he/she must play one defensive inning. If a player decides to pitch only, it must be made clear at the beginning of the game.
23. Please note that only ASA or USSSA approved bats will be allowed in the tournament. There is a list available on the website of ASA stamped bats which are, in fact, illegal. Bats need to be challenged during the game, not after the game is finished.
24. All teams must sign a waiver and hand them in with the roster sheet before the start of the tournament.
25. If a base runner is hit by a batted ball anywhere on the field (including while standing on a base) he is automatically out. If the runner is on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base and is hit by a batted ball in foul territory, the runner is safe, and it is a foul ball.
26. If a batter is taking a pinch runner from home plate and the batter swings and misses, the pinch runner is not out if they begin to run. It counts as strike not an out.