



SOLIDARITY TOURNAMENT RULES

PARK RULES

- NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL is permitted at Okotoks On Deck!!!
 - This includes the parking lot area!
- NO TAILGATE PARTIES are permitted in the Parking Lot!
- DO NOT LITTER!
 - Garbage receptacles are located at each bench and spectator area.
 - Clean up your dugout area at the completion of each game.
- **NO OUTSIDE FOOD** is permitted at Okotoks On Deck!!!
- Children must be supervised in the playground area.

GAME TIME LIMITS

- Each game is on a VERY STRICT TIME LIMIT.
- TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BE AT THEIR DIAMOND 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME.
 - GAMES MAY START EARLY!!!!
 - USE this time to your advantage!!!
 - Prepare your line ups
 - Exchange batting orders with the opposition.
- **75 Minutes is allotted for each game. (1 Hour & 15 Minutes MAXIMUM)** If games go over time, score may revert to previous complete inning played at the discretion of the umpire and tourney convener.
- NO NEW INNINGS AFTER 60 MINUTES. (Regardless of how many innings are played)
- Umpire is the official time keeper; make sure you are given the start time of the game at the plate conference.
- 10 minute grace period
- TIME STARTS AS SCHEDULED.
- Use allotted game time wisely.
 - Hustle on and off the field.
 - ON DECK BATTER must be in the on deck area.
- **NO ON FIELD WARM UP WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE 1ST INNING.**
- **NO PROTESTS ON TIME ALLOWANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED!**

ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL!! NO FORM OF PROTEST IS ALLOWED!!

REPORTING SCORES

- **WINNING TEAM is responsible to report the scores.**
 - Please report scores IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME to the draw board area.
 - **Make sure to come into draw board's area and get your Calcutta run tickets!**

PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

- LEGAL SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAME. (Subs do not have to field before batting.)
 - Any of the starting players may be withdrawn from the game and RE-ENTERED ONCE, (including EP's), providing the player occupies the original spot in the batting order.

ROUND ROBIN GAMES

- Round Robin games may end in a tie. Extra innings will be used to determine a winner in the **playoffs only**.
- A maximum of 7 runs per inning, except in the final inning, which is open.
- HOME TEAM IS DETERMINED BY A COIN TOSS IN ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES.
- IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING - THEY **DO NOT TAKE THEIR LAST BAT.** (regardless of +/-)

PLAYOFF GAMES

- PLAYOFF GAMES are still on a TIME LIMIT of 75 Minutes MAXIMUM.
 - EXCEPTION the FINAL GAME for each division will have NO TIME LIMITS imposed.
 - HOME TEAM IS DETERMINED BY A COIN TOSS IN ALL PLAYOFF GAMES
 - **EXCEPTION IS IN THE FINAL GAME, THE UNDEFEATED TEAM WILL HAVE CHOICE OF HOME OR VISITOR.**
 - If a Playoff game is tied at the completion of the last inning, continue normal play until a winner is decided. (International tie breaking will not be used)
- IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING - THEY DO NOT TAKE THEIR LAST BAT.
- A maximum of 7 runs per inning, except in the final inning, which is open.

FORMAT OF PLAY

- Games MUST BEGIN WITHOUT USING THE GRACE PERIOD if a minimum of 8 players are present at start time.
- LATE PLAYERS **MUST BE** INCLUDED IN THE BATTING ORDER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME.
- LATE PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED TO THE GAME AT ANY TIME. (they do not have to field before they can bat)
- FEMALE POSITIONS IN THE BATTING ORDER MUST BE DESIGNATED, and remain FEMALE positions throughout the game.
- One or Two EXTRA PLAYERS may be used in the BATTING LINE UP. If two EP's are used one must be a female.
- IF the game starts with 14 or 12 batters, the game MUST end with 11 or 12 batters.
 - If an EP is forced to leave the game for any reason (injury or ejection etc.) and another eligible player is not available to replace the player, and AUTO OUT will be given to the missing spot in the order. (MALE OR FEMALE)

OTHER RULES

- Three courtesy runners will be allowed per game. A player may only run once per inning.
- Only females can bunt.
- Men will hit the 12" ball, females must hit the 11" ball there is no option.
- **Mercy rule is in effect -20 runs after 3, 15 runs after 4, and 10 runs after 5 complete innings.**
- When a male batter is walked, (any walk, regardless of the count) when followed by a female, the male batter takes 2nd base and the female has the option to **take 1st or bat.**
- Teams must retrieve Home run and foul balls. If they do not the umpire has the discretion of calling the next batter out.
- 5 and 1 UP Home Run rule is in effect.
 - Each team is allowed 5 home runs per game
 - Once the home run limit is reached by both teams, a team may only be up by one home run over the opposition.
 - Any additional HOME RUNS exceeding the 1 UP rule will be recorded as an OUT.
 - The HOME TEAM may not go ONE UP in the bottom of the last inning.

**** ALL RULES NOT STATED IN THE ABOVE, WE WILL USE THE NSA RULEBOOK ****

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN!!!

THE NSA CANADA TEAM