

## **Cost**

Entry fee is \$150 per team. This is a double elimination tournament starting on Saturday, and ending on Sunday.

## **Prizes**

Shirts and registration fee will be awarded to the champions.

## **Equipment**

Legal bats carry an ASA certification label. While wood bats are legal, metal bats are much more common in softball. ASA-certified bats cannot be more than 34 inches long and cannot weigh more than 38 ounces. The standard men's slow-pitch softball is 12 inches in diameter and also carries an ASA certification label. The ball's compression -- the pressure required to compress the ball one-quarter inch -- cannot exceed 375 pounds. The ball's coefficient of restitution, or COR, a measure of the ball's bounciness, must be .44 or less. For example, a ball thrown at a solid wall at 60 mph will rebound at 26.4 mph if it has a COR of .44. Each team will be required to have two 12 inch softballs, per game, ready for play. A team that does not have the two softballs will forfeit that game. These balls do not have to be new but in good condition.

## **Pitching**

Unlike fast-pitch softball, the pitcher cannot use a windmill windup. Once the pitcher's arm passes his hip, he must deliver the ball to the plate. Additionally, the pitch must travel on an arc with a maximum height of 6 to 12 feet. All pitches must be delivered at a "moderate" speed, according to the umpire's judgment.

## **Personnel**

Standard slow-pitch softball games are played with 10 fielders. The extra fielder will play in the outfield. Unlike standard baseball, a player may be removed from the game and re-enter later, provided he/she bats in his original spot in the lineup.

## **Game Play**

Games are limited to seven innings or 1 hour, unless the score is tied, in which case standard extra inning rules apply. A foul ball is always considered a strike. A player with two strikes who hits a foul ball strikes out. Runners may not leave their bases until the pitch reaches home plate. If the ball is not hit by the batter, then the runner must return to the base. No stealing will be permitted. After 3 innings of play, if one team has 10 more runs than the other team, the game will end. The team with the higher runs will automatically advance and the other team will go to the losers bracket or be eliminated.

## **Alcohol**

There will be a beer garden at the sports complex. All alcohol will have to be within the beer garden fences per city code. Any person caught having alcohol outside of the beer garden will have their team disqualified from the tournament. This will result in the team having to leave and no refund will be given. The money from that team will be used to pay the fine. You may bring your own alcohol, no glass bottles, and take it to the beer garden area. There will be a vendor at the beer garden as well.