



RULES FOR PLAY

We wish to **STRESS** that this tournament is purely for recreation and enjoyment. It was established to help raise money for the summer camps that the children and youth of First Baptist Church will be attending. These rules are given only to preserve a fair, even, timely, and fun experience for all participants. We appreciate you helping us keep it that way.

FIELDING

- Each team shall field an even number of men and women. There must be at least 5 men and 5 women in the field at all times (4 & 4 will be allowed, but there cannot be more women than men, or men than women.)
- There are no stipulations as to what positions your team members can play.

BATTING

- The batting order must alternate male and female, with no two members of the same sex batting next to each other.
- You may bat everyone on your team as "extra hitters" if you choose to do so, even if they do not play the field, but you must still maintain an even number of males and females.
- Each batter will come to the plate with a count of 1-1 (1 ball, 1 strike).
- If a male batter earns a walk, he will automatically take 2nd base. The female batter who follows will have the choice of automatically taking first base, or batting.
- If a female batter earns a walk, she will automatically take 1st base, and the following male batter must bat.
- We have a very short field, so there will be a homerun limit of 1 per game (with all additional homeruns posting as outs)
- The Home Run limit will be lifted for the 7th inning.

GAME LENGTH

- We will play a 7 run rule with runs accumulating each inning. For example if Team A only scores 3 runs in the first inning, they can still score 11 runs in the second inning, bringing their total to 14.
- Game length will be 1 hr. 15 min. or 7 innings. No new innings can be started after 70 min.
- Maintaining the schedule is essential for fun play, so all teams must be ready to play at their scheduled start time. If one team is missing players and cannot start on time, that team will automatically be the "visiting" team, will forfeit their first at bat, and the game clock will begin on schedule, with play starting when players arrive, and ending on schedule.
- If both teams are tied going into the last inning (of regulation or time limit) and both **have** reached the maximum runs scored, the run rule will be removed for the final inning in order to establish a clear winner. If both teams are tied going into the last inning and **have not** reached the maximum runs scored limit, the game will end in a tie with the tie being broken in the following manner. The team scoring the most 1st inning runs wins, if still tied, it will move to the 2nd, then 3rd etc. If a tie still remains the winning team will be decided by coin toss.

COURTESY RULES

- This is a fun and family friendly atmosphere, so we ask all players and spectators to follow these guidelines. Blatant offenses are grounds to be removed from the park and/or tournament with a forfeiture of all fees paid.
- All umpires will be on a volunteer basis and will do the best they can, please do not harass them. (In addition, members of your team may be asked to umpire other games while you are not playing)
- This will be an alcohol free event
- Profanity while playing or watching will not be tolerated
- Above all remember, "There is no crying in baseball"

Additional rules or questions will be handled as best we can on the spot, with the fairest outcome possible being achieved.

Thanks for participating and supporting our kids, we hope you have a great time!

