

# OFFICIAL RULES

## Calf Fry Co-Ed Softball Tournament Rules

### Guidelines

- 1) Team cost is \$100 and 2 softballs. Make checks payable to Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 2) Winning team will receive their money back.
- 3) Deadline for rosters is August 26, 2010.

### Roster

- 1) A completed tournament roster must be turned in to the Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce at which time it becomes OFFICIAL.
- 2) No player may switch teams after rosters are official.
- 3) Any team allowing a player not on their official roster to participate will **forfeit ALL Games**.

### Game/Field Times

- 1) All games will have a scheduled time and assigned field.
- 2) In the event that a game takes the full hour allotted time for play, there will be a 5 minute time period between games, unless a team has played the previous game then they will be allowed a 10 minute break.
- 3) **THIS IS A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT!**

### Game Rules

- 1) **Umpires decisions are FINAL!** Courteous sportsmanship is expected, not optional. Only rule interpretations may be protested immediately following the issue in question. There is absolutely no arguing with the umpires. Mistakes are tolerable and are part of the game for players and umpires, conduct is not!
- 2) **NO PROFANITY OR UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE BEHAVIOR.** Zero tolerance is the policy with enforcement by the umpires. Players will be ejected from the game. Further disturbances by the player or team, individually or collectively, will result in forfeiture of the game. The tournament director has the right to determine if that team can continue to play in the tournament.
- 3) Before the start of the game, the teams will provide the umpire and head scorekeeper with their batting order. The home team will be decided by a coin toss.
- 4) Teams of 10 players comprise a normal playing team. A minimum of 8 players must be present to begin a game. If a team plays with less than 10 players, they will be forced to take an out in the batting order where the ninth and tenth players would bat. **The umpire can wait until 10 minutes after the established start time for any needed players.** A game will be forfeited if minimum players are not met.
  - A **minimum of 8 males and 2 females can start the game. Each team must have at least 2 females on the field at all times.**
  - If you have a male pitcher, must have a female catcher, and vice-versa.
  - Only same gender substitutions can be made, unless the team is playing with more females than males.

- 5) Each game will be 6 innings or an hour time limit, whichever comes first. When the game time has expired the umpire will make an announcement that no new innings may begin. An inning is considered complete once the third out is made against the home team. The next inning then begins. For tie games, play will continue until one team is ahead after a completed inning.
- 6) Mercy rule: If one team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 innings of play, the game shall end.
- 7) A batter's second foul ball after two strikes results in the batter being out.
- 8) If a man batter is walked with a woman on deck, then the woman receives an automatic walk and is awarded first base.
- 9) Sliding is strongly encouraged, but not required. However, if the baseman is a female, you may only slide head first. Sliding feet first when the baseman is female will result in an out for the runner. On double play situations, runners tagged out at second must refrain from interfering with the throw to first base. Any interference by the base runner will cause the runner going to first base to automatically be called out for runner interference.
- 10) No leading off or stealing. A base runner may not leave the base until a pitched ball is hit. If the base runner leaves early, the base runner will be called out.
- 11) No bunting.
- 12) Each batter will begin with one ball and one strike. The batter only needs three more balls to be walked and two strikes to be called out.
- 13) Infield fly rule will be in effect. The batter will be called out by the umpire behind the plate, if the batter hits a pop-up in the infield with runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 14) If the softball goes out of play (umpires rules), the runner gets an extra base. If the runner is at least half-way to the next base, they will be awarded the next base.
- 15) Five homeruns will be allowed per game per team. Any homerun after that will be deemed an out.
- 16) A player may only bat after they have played in the field the inning prior to batting. **THERE ARE NO SUSTITUTIONS FOR A BATTER.** Once a player leaves the game, that player may only return in the same batting position in the lineup.
- 17) ASA rules apply except as identified above.
- 18) No alcohol allowed.
- 19) Guy walk, girl walk
- 20) When you walk up to bat you will already have a 1 and 1 count.

### **Fields**

1) The distance from the pitcher's plate to home plate is 50 feet. Slow-pitch softball with no wind-ups will be played with a 6-10 foot arc for women and 6-unlimited arc for men. If a pitch does not meet these requirements then the umpire will call "no pitch. A pitcher must keep one foot in contact with the pitching rubber during the entire pitching motion. Otherwise it will be ruled an illegal pitch and considered a ball.

### **Equipment**

- 1) No metal spikes are permitted. Shoes (not sandals) must be worn at all times.
- 2) All bats must be ASA approved bats.
- 3) No Mikan Ultra 1 or 2 bats allowed.