

**Help Pete Win! Softball Tournament Rules**  
**June 2019**

All games will be played at Robie Field (28 Ball Park Road) on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, 2019, beginning at 8:00 am June 1 and ending on Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 pm.

Tournament will be limited to 10 teams, double elimination. Every team is guaranteed 2 games.

Tournament bracket and game time is attached. Names of teams will be filled in once 10 teams have registered.

This fundraiser tournament is meant for teams to recreate and socialize in a fun and safe environment. Everyone is expected to play hard and compete, but unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. Absolute respect for the umpires, players, and spectators is required of all players. Swearing will not be tolerated!

**All team fees are due in full by May 17, 2019.**

The following rules are specific to this tournament. Anything not listed will be governed by ASA rules.

1. Team Requirements

- a. Each team must have at least 8 players in the field at all times and can field up to 10.
- b. Players must sign the waiver in order to be eligible to participate. The scorekeeper will have a binder with all the teams rosters to confirm signatures of all players prior to first pitch.
- c. Players are only allowed to be on one roster, but can be “borrowed” by another team if needed.

2. Length of the Game

- a. 6 innings
- b. Mercy Rule: If a 15 run difference occurs during a contest after four innings, or 3 ½ innings with the home team winning, the game will be stopped and considered a complete game.
- c. A game is considered official after four innings

3. Sportsmanship

- a. This tournament is for FUN. Everyone has to work the next day.
- b. No player or spectator needs to get all worked up about strike/ball-safe/out calls. Just PLAY for a great cause! Thank you.
- c. No stealing is allowed. Runners may leave the base when the pitch is hit.
- d. When the ball is thrown over the fence or into the dugout, all runners will be awarded two bases, and the award will be governed by the positions of the runners when the ball left the fielder’s hand.
- c. Any runner who deliberately runs into a fielder will be called out immediately and each runner will return to the last base occupied at the time of the collision. The runner will be ejected. In the case of a possible double play, the base runner must slide directly into the base or get of the way of the thrown ball or both he/she and the batter/base runner may be called out.
- d. Courtesy runners will be allowed.
- e. No metal spikes are allowed!

## 5. Batting

- a. Batters start with a one and one count.
- b. Line up cards must be handed to umpire or staff prior to game. All players on line up cards must both bat and field throughout the game. (please keep a book or use scorebook pages provided)**
- c. If a homerun is hit all players must advance one base, but can then return to the dugout.
- d. Chop hitting and bunting are not allowed.
- e. Teams are allowed 3 home runs per game. Any home run after that will be ruled an out.
- f. Any ball that is touched by a fielder and goes over the fence will not count towards the home run rule.
- g. Any foul balls or “tips” on a third strike will be considered outs
- h. Teams may establish their batting order:
- i. Bat all players present up to 15. With this type of batting order, there may be free substitution on the field. (All players if batting must play a Minimum of one inning in the field. No one can bat in final inning if they have not previously played the field. Teams must be able to show this on a scorebook if an inquiry arises.**

## 6. Pitching

- a. The ball must be Pitched underhanded at Slow Speed.
- b. The Pitched Ball shall not rise higher than 12 feet above the ground.
  - i. The speed of the Pitch and height of the pitched ball are left entirely to the judgment of the Umpire (NOTE: For sake of uniformity in decisions, any doubtful Pitch should be ruled as an illegal pitch). The Umpire shall warn a Pitcher who delivers a Pitch with EXCESSIVE SPEED that repeating such EXCESSIVE SPEED PITCH will cause the Pitcher’s removal from the Pitcher’s position for the remainder of the Game. A Pitch that does not arc may not be an EXCESSIVE SPEED PITCH, but merely an Illegal Pitch.

## 7. Appeal Play

- a. An appeal play is a play in which an umpire cannot make a decision until requested by a coach or player. The appeal must be made before the next legal or illegal pitch, or before the defensive team has left the field. The defensive team has left the field when the pitcher and all the infielders have left fair territory.
- b. There are 3 types of appeal plays:
  - i. Missing a base
  - ii. Leaving a base on a caught fly ball before the ball is first touched
  - iii. Batting out of order
- c. Once a dead ball has been called, any infielder with or without possession of the ball, may make a verbal appeal on a runner missing a base or leaving a base too soon. The plate umpire should acknowledge the appeal and make a ruling on the play. Base runners cannot leave their bases during an appeal.

## 8. Weather Policy

- a. Updates will be game day and teams notified by phone.
- b. This tournament will be played rain or shine until the field conditions warrant a stop in play.
- d. Rescheduled games will be determined on game day based upon availability of teams.

## 9. Forfeit Policy

a. No show teams will be declared a Forfeit and the opponent will move on in the bracket. No refunds will be given for forfeits.

10. Bats

a. **Men:** Birch, Maple, Ash and Bamboo bats are fine. **No composite bats will be allowed.**

b. **Women: Any ASA single wall softball bat is fine.**

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Thank you!