

2008 COLUMBUS SKI CLUB **SOCIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The format of this year's tournament will consist of the following:

- 1) Round robin pool play on **Saturday** (3 games)
- 2) Single elimination play in 3 divisions, after the 1st game on **Sunday**

This will guarantee that all teams will play a minimum of 5 games during the tournament.

TOURNAMENT SEEDING:

Saturday:

Teams will be placed in groups according to division play standings. The tournament will be divided into 8 brackets of 3 teams for Saturday. The teams in each bracket will play against each other on Saturday, plus one other team from another bracket. The first and second place teams of each division have received a top seed in each of these brackets, and will not play each other on Saturday. These standings were based on the standard league tiebreaker and run differential rules.

Sunday:

Sunday's pairings will be determined after the last game of each bracket on Saturday is complete. This will take place at the Softball Committee's tent by Diamond #1. Based on Saturday's results, each coach will draw his/her bracket position for Sunday. The 1st and 2nd place teams from each of the 8 Saturday brackets will advance to Division 1. The 3rd place teams from each bracket will advance to Division 3. Teams in Division 1 that win the 1st game on Sunday will remain in Division 1, however teams in Division 1 that lose the 1st game on Sunday will move to Division 2 (and may have to play back-to-back games with a 15 minute break). All teams in Division 3 will remain in Division 3. The teams in Division 3 that win the 1st game on Sunday will play a team that lost it's 1st game in Division 3.

TIME LIMITS:

On **Saturday**, no new inning can start after 1 hr. 15 min. has expired. However, in the case of a tie game, the game must go to one pitch until a winner is determined.

There will be **NO time limit on Sunday** games. Extra inning games on Sunday will be the regular count, **NOT 1 pitch**.

RUN RULE:

The **10** run rule after 5 innings will be in effect on Saturday and Sunday

TIE-BREAKERS:

Tie-breakers will be used for deciding which teams win groups and advance to the particular divisions for Sunday. The following tie-breakers will be used until a tie is broken.

Step 1: 2 Teams Tied: Best head to head record.
 3 Teams Tied: Best head to head record involving the three teams in the games played against each other (i.e. game played against the fourth team in their group will not count).

Step 2: 3 teams tied: a) run difference between teams tied will decide (please see note below) b) when 2 teams still remain tied revert to Step 1 before proceeding to Step 3.

Note: Run difference (**limited to a 10 run MAX per game**) will only be used to advance 1 team out of a tie. You must revert back to step 1 before proceeding.

Step 3: Average defensive runs allowed of teams tied.

Step 4: Please revert to Step 1 if ties still exist.

PROTESTS

Tournament protests should be avoided at all costs!!! If a protest occurs, it should be settled immediately by the umpire and a tournament representative. The umpire and tournament rep will review the circumstances and make a decision. Play will be halted while the protest is being considered. In order for a protest to be considered, a protest must be made both formally and legally.

Failure to protest properly will invalidate the protest. To protest, the coach must state directly to the umpire that the game is being protested and the grounds for the protest.

The protest must be made before the next pitch (legal or illegal) following the contested play. The only exception is violation for the re-entry rule/illegal substitution, which may be made at anytime.

The following are the only protests that will be considered:

- 1) Misinterpretation by the umpire of a playing rule.
- 2) Failure of an umpire to apply the correct rule to a given play.
- 3) Failure of an umpire to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
- 4) Violation of the re-entry rule, which constitutes illegal substitution and/or use of an ineligible player.
- 5) Violation of the courtesy runner rule.

(Note: The Tournament Committee will not overrule a judgment call made by an umpire).

PLAYER REPLACEMENT/SUBSTITUTIONS

During a game, if the number of players available to play in a game falls below five of a gender, teams may add a player with the same or lower rating of the player being replaced.

Before a game begins, if the number of players available to play in a game falls below five of a gender, teams may add a player by using the standard CSC substitution rule, which is based on the ratings from the team's original 14 player roster.

The only exception to the substitution rule is in the event your team does not have a full pitcher or a half pitcher. In this case, a team may add a pitcher (the same rating or lower than what their pitcher is rated) even if they have five players of that gender.

IN ANY CASE WHERE A SUBSTITUTE IS USED, PLEASE INFORM THE OTHER COACH PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.

Note: It is required (unless time does not permit, and the game is ready to start) that all substitutions be approved by a tournament rep prior to the start of your game. Illegal substitutions will result in a forfeit.

Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner will be allowed for a player injured during a game (not prior to the game). The last player of the same gender that was put out will be the courtesy runner. However, a courtesy runner will not be allowed for that player in future games played on that day. Basically, if the player is too injured to run before a game starts, they should not play.

Wrong Ball Pitched: If the wrong ball is pitched to a batter, it becomes a dead ball, and the batter will bat again with the correct ball.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The home team will be determined by the toss of a coin.
- Game balls will be provided by the tournament committee.
- First aid supplies will be available on diamond #1.
- Please remind players to drink plenty of water.
- Please keep the park clean. The ski club is responsible for cleanup each day.
- Please remind your players NOT to park on the grass. They may get a parking ticket when the police patrol the parking lot.
- All fields have lines painted in the outfield to indicate where outfielders must stay behind until the ball is hit.
- All fields must use the additional base. Runners must use the orange base on an initial play at first base. The defensive team must always use the white base. Failure to use the white base will result in the runner being called safe by the umpire. If the runner fails to use the proper base, they may be called out by the umpire.
- Please be at scheduled diamond at least 15 minutes prior to game time. Due to the long day, games may start early if the prior game has been completed.
- Teams are not allowed to switch positions for a player more than once per inning. The only exception is pitcher. (i.e. a player is moved from right field to left field and the left fielder is moved to right field. Both players must finish the inning in their new positions.)
- Diamonds 1,2,3,4:
 - a) Over the fence on a fly = automatic home run
 - b) Over the fence on a bounce = automatic double, unless intentionally aided.
 - c) Unlimited home runs
- Diamonds 5,6,7,8:
 - a) In the woods on a fly = automatic double, unless intentionally aided
 - b) In the woods on a roll or bounce = automatic double, unless intentionally aided.
 - c) Unlimited home runs

EQUIPMENT

- There will be a few catchers' masks in the softball tent if anyone would like to use one.
- All coaches must drop off their equipment bags, including the new bat each team was assigned this year, to a tournament representative at the softball tent after their last game on Sunday.

RAIN DELAY

In the event of rain, please check in with the tournament director for rescheduling of games and delays. The tournament format may be changed if we have a rain delay. All coaches will be needed to help prepare diamonds for play once the rain has ended.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

Tournament Director:

Assistant Director:

Tim Mahoney

Lori Smith

Tournament Representatives:

Dick Williamson (Softball Chairperson)

Roy Izzo (Assistant Softball Chairperson)

Dennis Driscoll (Mogul Division Commissioner)

Herb Beidel (Ski Jump Division Commissioner)

Jerry Lang (Alpine Division Commissioner)

Charlie Bennett (Free Style Division Commissioner)

Laurie Dodez (Softball Committee Member)

Jeff Timmons (Softball Committee Member)

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