

2021 Battle of the Bases Softball Tournament Rules

1. Play will be governed by 2021 ASA rules and local bylaws/Intramural rules below.
2. Installation Intramural Programs ensure that all teams and players follow the eligibility guidelines in the Battle of the Bases MOI.
3. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players and bench personnel know all applicable rules and procedures and abide by them.
4. Tournament Rules & Guidelines:

This is a 3GG Tournament with 1 pool play game for seeding into a double elimination bracket. All Games will be scheduled August 28 - 29. In the event of inclement weather games will be made up on September 4 and 5. Class of Tournament: National Capital Region Intramural Program Teams.

 - a. 60 minute time limit for pool play games. 60 minute time limit for bracket games. No new inning will start after 58 minutes. No grace period is allowed, all teams should be ready to play 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. The Championship game will have no time or run rule limit all innings will be played!
 - b. A coin toss will be used to determine the home team. - Lineup cards will be provided must be turned into the umpire and opposing team at the pre-game coach's meeting.
 - c. Short-handed rule is in effect. A game may begin or finish with one less than required to start (9). You must have a minimum of 8 player to finish a game. Less than 8 player is an immediate forfeit.
 - d. The Extra Hitter (EH) rule is in effect. Teams will be allowed 2 EH in the lineup.
 - e. The ball must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 10 feet from the ground.
 - f. Each batter comes to the plate with a 1 ball 1 strike count (no courtesy).
 - g. Courtesy Runners may be any player on the team roster. If the courtesy runner is caught on base and it is his turn to bat the player due up to bat will leave the base they occupy an out will be given if not the third out the player will hit.
 - h. Mercy Rule is 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.
 - i. **Extra Innings:** Should a game end in a tie after 7 innings, we will go to one pitch with the last batter out on second base.
 - j. Only ASA approved bats can be used. Any player caught using an illegal or altered bat will be disqualified from the game.
 - k. Game ball will be 300 Compression, 52 Core, optic yellow color.
 - l. **Home Run Rule:** 5 home runs per game. Any home runs hit after 5 will be an out.
 - m. Nationals Jerseys and caps required for all tournament play.
5. Only molded rubber or nylon cleats are authorized. Metal tip cleats or spikes, boots, or bare feet are not allowed on the playing field.
6. "NO GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS" are allowed at the softball fields during scheduled intramural games. No smoking is allowed on the playing field or in the dug-outs. Umpires have the authority to eject any individual with the smell of alcohol on their breath or who appears to be intoxicated.
7. Judgment calls are not grounds for protest. Only valid protests concerning player eligibility and rule interpretations will be considered. All protests must be done at the time of the incident. Inform the umpire and the UIC that you are protesting. All protests will be settled on the spot before the game continues and will be decided by the UIC (Umpire in Charge).

8. **Player Misconduct:** Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players and bench personnel know all applicable rules and procedures and abide by them. Any player, who is ejected from a game has one minute to immediately leave the playing area and be out of sight and sound. Any player/coach that is ejected from a game will sit out the next scheduled game his/her team is to play. Failure to comply with this rule, if reported by the officials or JBM-HH sports staff will result in further game suspensions as deemed necessary by the Sports Director.

9. Information:

Rules may be changed, deleted or added as deemed necessary by the Sports Director to benefit play.

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