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*Home Run for the
Homeless*

Charity Slo-Pitch Tournament

July 16 • Ray Twinney Complex

All proceeds go to Inn from the Cold Homeless Shelter



Charity Tournament Rules

Rules not specifically mentioned will be governed by League Officials

1. Teams must be ready to begin play at the scheduled time. There will be a 15 minute grace period before a forfeit is enforced
2. Length of games will be 9 innings or 1.5 hours whichever is the first of the two.
3. If the game remains tied after 9 innings, there will be extra innings played if 1.5 hour time limit has not passed
4. A team in the league must have 8 players to start a legal game (5 men and 3 women)
5. Games played will be 5 run-max per inning, with the LAST inning being open (extra innings are OPEN)
6. Footwear is required of all participants, no metal spikes allowed
7. ASA bat list enforced
8. Home Team – determined by rock, paper, scissors at the beginnings of each game
9. NO Alcohol allowed
10. Games 8 & 9 will determine 3rd and 4th plus 5th and 6th places and will be determined by total tournament runs

Fielding Rules

1. The ball must be delivered at a moderate speed in an underhand motion
2. The batter is allowed TWO (2) pitches from their own team pitcher
3. Nine (9) defensive players are on the field, three (3) of which must be women fielders.
4. No infielder/defensive player is allowed inside the base path prior to ball making contact with the bat. If a player inside the base path makes contact with the ball, play will be called "DEAD" and no pitch will be charged
5. **Defensive positioning** must include at least one female in the outfield and one in the infield at all times
6. **Out at Home** - Any player on the defensive team can make the out at home plate the person making the out must touch home plate not the player.

Batting Rules

1. Everybody bats
2. In case of injury during the game, the game may continue with one less player, however and out will be recorded in the empty slot
3. The batter may NOT bunt, chop or half swing. If this occurs, the batter will be called out
4. **Pitching** – Each team pitches to themselves
5. **Base Coaches/Umpires** - the batting team must provide 1st and 3rd base coaches, who will act as umpires. If a base coach is not provided and a call is disputed the call goes in favour of the fielding team.
6. **Home Runs** - 1 home run per inning hit over the fence. All others are considered an OUT
7. **Hit by Pitch** - If the pitcher is struck by a batted ball, the ball will be declared "DEAD" and no pitch will be charged
8. **Infield fly** - rule is in effect
9. **Batting Order** - The batting order must have a female every 3rd spot. example, male, male, female, male, male, female. If a team only has 3 females, they must rotate through the line up to meet standards

Base Running Rules

1. **No leadoffs/sliding/stealing** - if a runner leaves the base prior to the bat making contact with the ball, he/she will be called out, and no pitch recorded on the batter
2. **Courtesy Runners** - A batter can request to have a courtesy runner to take his/her place once they reach first base. The courtesy runner will be the last out of the same sex as the runner.
3. **Home Plate** – Runners coming into home must NOT touch home plate or are considered an out
4. **Safe Line** - a safe line will be drawn at the corner of home plate closest to third base
5. **Commitment Line** – 20 ft from safe line - a runner advancing from third base to home plate and crossing the commitment line must continue to home plate and cannot return to third base.

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