

92.9 The Bull's Inaugural CMN Softball Tournament
August 24th 2019 | Carlon Park, Selah, WA

Tournament Rules (updated 8/19/2019)

We will be following **USSSA Softball Tournament Rules**, with the exception of the following;

Each team is guaranteed at least three games. The tournament will begin with a ten team double elimination bracket. This will run its course and determine the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. The first six teams to lose twice will fall into a "second chance" single elimination tournament bracket.

All games will be played with a MacGregor Chicago 16" inch softball. Game balls will be provided. Teams may practice/warm up with the ball size of their choosing.

Each team is responsible to keep score for accuracy. The home team score card will be considered the official score card. Score cards must be turned into the tournament official immediately following each game. Score cards will be provided.

THERE WILL BE NO UMPIRES UNTIL THE FINAL ROUND(S) OF THE TOURNAMENT. Each team captain/coach will be responsible for the honesty & fairness of play by their team. There will be no balls or strikes. *(Please refer to (2) in "at bat" for explanation)* Considering this tournament is a "rec" league tournament played with a 16" inch ball, the plays should be easy to call for all involved. If there is a play that is too close to call, ALL CONTESTED CALLS ARE TO BE ASSUMED OUT. However, with a \$20 donation to Children's Miracle Network, a contested call will be assumed SAFE. This rule will only be valid for CONTESTED CALLS. Other outs will remain outs and are not eligible for the donation rule.

(Definition of "CONTESTED CALLS" will be when both team captains cannot come to an agreement on the outcome of a play)

LENGTH OF GAME:

- (1) Considering each team has a minimum of three games, and to expedite the entire tournament, each game in the tournament will have a max time of one hour, or five innings. Whichever occurs first. No new inning after 50 minutes of play.

AT BAT:

- (1) Bats must be USSSA or ASA approved.
- (2) To help expedite the tournament and considering a “big ball” softball is being used, there will be NO balls or strikes. There will be no walks. Each batter will receive FOUR (4) pitches, regardless of how accurate the pitch is. A strikeout will occur if the batter cannot hit any of the four pitches. **The batter will be allowed ONE foul ball. If a foul ball occurs, the batter will be allowed to receive a 5th pitch.**
- (3) HOME RUNS: Each team will be allowed THREE (3) home runs per game. Any additional home runs will be considered an OUT. HOWEVER, although the out will remain, the team can count the run towards their score with a \$20 donation to Children’s Miracle Network. The home team score keeper will be responsible for running a tally on donations/home runs. Donations made must be collected after each game. ****IF A TEAM HAS ALREADY EXHAUSTED THEIR THREE HOME RUN MAX, AND THE HOME RUN OCCURS WITH TWO OUTS REMAINING IN THE GAME, THE GAME WILL END. THE RUN(S) WILL COUNT IF A \$100 DONATION IS MADE TO CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK.**
- (4) Batting order must be every other gender. Most teams will have an uneven number of males & females. It will help to have a male line up & a female line up and go every other. If one gender lineup reaches the end first, restart from the top.

DEFENSE

- (1) Each team will have a max of TEN (10) players on the field, with EIGHT (8) players minimum.
- (2) Minimum of THREE (3) women playing in the field at any given time.
- (3) All players must have a baseball glove while playing in the field.

“EQUALIZER” FIELD

There will be one field designation as a fun/equalizer field. This field will only be active in the first three rounds of the tournament. All games on this field will be played with the following added rules.

- (1) All MEN must bat opposite.

- (2) All base running will be REVERSE. (3rd base will be 1st base, 2nd will remain 2nd, and 1st base will be 3rd base)

FORFEIT OF GAMES

- (1) Teams will be given 10 minutes grace period to field their team with the minimum number of players.
- (2) Teams that do not have the minimum number of players at the conclusion of the 10 minute grace period will forfeit that game. Will be considered a LOSS in that game for that round of the tournament.

Please always keep in mind, this tournament is meant for us all to have fun while raising money for an incredible cause, the kids at Children's Miracle Network/Children's Village. That said, we reserve the right to disqualify and/or eject teams/individuals for unruly behavior.

If there are any in game discrepancies, the final call will come from the tournament official and/or Townsquare Media staff on site.

SUMMARY OF DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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- (3) DONATION BUCKET: There will be a donation bucket on site for those who wish to donate to Children's Miracle Network.