



Austin Bulldogs 3rd Annual Softball Tournament 2006

GENERAL RULES

- 1. No food or beverages shall be brought onto the facility (concession stand will be open).**
- 2. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises.**
- 3. No Tobacco use of any kind will be allowed on the premises.**
- 4. Please utilize trash receptacles and remove all trash from dugouts after each game.**
- 5. Rosters are due before the first game**
- 6. Metal cleats are not allowed.**

ROSTER AND TOURNAMENT FEE

- 1. Teams will be made up of at least 6 male and 6 female. Only two school baseball players allowed per team. Teams are to be made up of high school students, parents, and friends. All participants must be at least high school age.**
- 2. Tournament fee is \$20.00 per player. All players must complete and sign a waiver / injury release form prior to the first game. Players under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver. Each player will receive a team shirt. Please make checks out to AHS Booster Club.**
- 3. Each Team must get a team sponsor. Team sponsorship is \$250.00. Each team sponsor will have their name put on the back of the tournament shirt and their name announced at the beginning of each game.**
- 4. Field Sponsorship is \$500.00. This sponsorship will include all of the above plus a banner which will be displayed during the tournament and returned to the sponsor upon completion of the tournament.**

Fort Bend Austin Co-Ed Softball Tourney Rules

- All Rosters & Consent & Liability Waivers must be turned in prior to 1st game.
- Home Plate Umpire is in control of the game. All rulings/calls are final.
- Home Plate umpire can consult with Tourney director on ground rule interpretation.
- Home plate umpire is to turn in official Game Score sheet to Howard McKinney
- Home Plate Umpire should validate score with both teams between innings.
- Coin toss determines Home team
- 6 innings is an official game, unless time limit is reached.
- 50 minute time limit, no new inning starts beyond that time, **Revert back to previous completed inning to declare a winner.**
- A run rule of 15 after 3 innings or 10 after 5 innings is in effect.
- A maximum of 10 runs per inning is allowed.
- 3 warm-up pitches allowed between innings.
- Home team official scorekeeper, - must keep the Game Score sheet during game. Visitor responsible for scoreboard.
- Teams may start a game with 8 players but must have 4 men and 4 women.
- You may play more women than men on defense or offense, but not vice-versa.
- There are 10 players on defense (one additional outfielder).
- Unlimited defensive substitutions as long as the number of men doesn't exceed the number of women.
- Additional Players are allowed in the batting lineup, (e.g. co-ed - one extra male, one extra female). Any 10 of the players in the lineup may play anywhere on defense in each inning.
- You must alternate men with women within the batting order to the extent possible.
- Softball bats only (wood allowed - if denoted as for softball)
- No metal cleats
- 2 Home Runs allowed per game per team for men, subsequent homeruns are outs. Unlimited homeruns for women.
- 1 -1 Count to begin an at-bat
- Second foul ball after 2 strikes is an out. No base runner may advance.
- Women have the option of hitting or taking a walk if preceding male is walked
- Must slide rule at home plate is a play is being made,
- The pitch must come in slowly with a perceptible arc of at least 6 feet and no more than 12 feet from the ground. The pitcher must start with and keep one foot on the plate until the ball is released. Strike zone is between the batter's back shoulder and front knee, called at the plate, when the batter assumes their normal stance.
- There is no base stealing or leading off. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball passes over home plate or is hit. A runner off a base when the ball is pitched is 'out' - no pitch is called.
- There is no bunting, or "chopping" down on the ball (batter is 'out').
- A batter hit by a pitched ball may not take a walk to first base (ball is dead, "ball" is called).
- Where a pitcher wishes to walk a batter, the pitches do not have to be thrown - batter goes directly to first base.
- If a batter decides to swing at an illegal pitch (e.g. a pitch with excessive speed, or not enough arc), a "strike" is called, otherwise the call is a ball - no bases are awarded for an illegal pitch.
- Umpire will call 'time' when the ball is in the infield and no plays are apparent - ball is dead.
- Unless swung at beforehand, any pitched ball hitting home plate, or hitting the ground before reaching home plate, is a 'ball'.
- When a ball goes out of play, a runner will be given two bases from the time of the throw. A base is not considered made until it is touched.
- A batter is declared out and a dead ball will be called when a batter steps out of the batters box to hit the ball.
- In the event a player is injured, you may add a player from another team that has been eliminated.

Tie-Breaker Rules (will utilize for semifinal Seeding as well)

- Won-Loss Record
- Runs Allowed
- Runs Scored
- Coin Toss