



## INAUGURAL

### Stars & Strikes Two-Pitch Softball Tournament

#### Tournament Rules and General Information

Welcome to the inaugural City of Casper Two-Pitch Softball Tournament. Tournament pairings and field assignments are posted to the league website [www.teamsideline.com/casperwy](http://www.teamsideline.com/casperwy). Every team is guaranteed four games. Please be sure to read through your bracket carefully. As Team Manager, you are responsible for knowing the following tournament rules and share with your team members. Good luck in the tournament and have FUN!

1. Tournament Directors: Baylor Hellmuth, Recreation Supervisor & Amy Boyer, Recreation Coordinator. USA Softball rules will govern this tournament unless otherwise stated.
2. A completed roster form must be submitted to the crow's nest/umpire shack prior to the start of your team's first game. These forms will then be submitted to tournament management and kept on record. Only players listed on your roster are eligible to play for your team during the tournament. If an addendum to your roster is needed once the tournament has begun, you may submit a roster addition request (in writing) along with the reason for such requested change to the Tournament Protest Committee.
3. If a team picks up players who are not listed on that team's roster, a legal protest must be filed on the field. If the protest is valid, a forfeit will be awarded. Players may play for one team only in the tournament.
4. Protests limited to a rule's interpretation must be announced and settled before the next pitch. In cases where needed, a protest committee comprised of an uninvolved umpire, a member of the Recreation Division Staff, and an uninvolved player will make a decision that will be final. A CRLA board member may also be involved in the protest committee.
5. There is no uniform rule for this tournament.
6. Home team will be the official book for each game.
7. Any coach, player or team personnel ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior is suspended for the remainder of the tournament. If a player is ejected for

unsportsmanlike conduct and the team does not have a substitute listed for that player the game is a forfeit, an ejected player must leave the complex immediately. Alcoholic beverages and the use of cigarettes are prohibited from playing fields, including the dugouts. Possession of alcohol on the field will result in player disqualification. Smoking in the dugout is also prohibited-one verbal warning will be given followed by player disqualification on the second offense.

8. Tiebreakers for Bracket Seeding
  - a. Winning Percentage
  - b. Head to Head
  - c. Total Runs For
  - d. Total Runs Against
  - e. Coin Toss
  
9. If the tournament is rained out after it has begun, teams will be refunded a standard prorated amount for every game not played up to a maximum of four. After a team has played four games, no refunds will be issued. Final decisions on rain delays, cancellations, or other matters are the sole discretion of the tournament directors. There is no makeup date for the tournament.

#### Game Format

10. The batting team must substitute a player for the pitcher from its own team when the pitcher's turn comes up in the batting order line-up. Free substitutions will be permitted for the pitcher and starting pitchers and substitutes may re-enter as is necessary (no limit). The defensive team's pitcher may play anywhere in the field.
  
11. Games will be 7 innings or 45 minutes in length, whichever comes first. No new inning will begin once the 45-minute time limit has expired; however, any inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed.
  
12. The home team will be decided by a coin toss by the umpire.
  
13. Tie games will be played until there is a winner. The offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who completed the last at-bat in the previous inning placed as a runner on second base.
  
14. All championship (finals only) games will be played the full 7 innings with the run rule in effect; no time limit. The following run rule is in effect for all games including the finals: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings. Bats that meet USA standards are legal; all others are illegal.

15. One courtesy runner will be allowed for one male per inning and one courtesy runner will be allowed for one female per inning.
16. Game time is forfeit time. A minimum of 9 players must be present at game time. No exceptions. Each team must consist of at least 9 players (5 men and 4 women or 4 men and 5 women). Teams may also use the 7 and 3 format (7 men and 3 women). Teams may not play with less than 3 women at any time. When playing with 9, at least 4 must be women.
17. Teams playing with nine (9) players must take an out in the batting order. Teams may bat their entire roster; however, only 10 players may take the field defensively.
18. A team's batting order shall alternate genders until it can no longer do so. At this point women or men may bat back-to-back; however, 4 players of the same sex are not allowed to bat consecutively.
19. Male batters will use a 12-in ball, and women batters will use an 11-in ball.
20. Teams may purchase homerun wristbands (\$20.00) (limit 1 per team). The player possessing the homerun wristband will be allowed unlimited home runs each game. Teams in the Coed Beginner Division teams will be allowed one (1) homerun per game outside of their eligible home run hitter, all others will be counted as an out. Teams in the Coed Division will be allowed (3) homeruns per game outside of their eligible home run hitter, all others will be counted as an out.
21. Any game ending early due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, will be resumed at the time the game ended with your rostered team if a) the top of the 4th inning has not been completed; or b) the bottom of the 4th inning has not been completed and the home team is behind. If the home team is winning after the top of the 4th inning, the game is considered complete.

#### Rules of Play

22. Each batter will receive two (2) pitches delivered from his/her team's own pitcher to put the ball in fair play. Any illegal pitch will count towards the batter. There will be no walks. Failure to put the ball in play after two pitches will result in the batter being called out.
23. A foul ball on the second pitch is an out.

24. The batting team's pitcher may not field any balls (may protect self). If a batted ball hits the pitcher, it is interference. The ball will be ruled dead; the batter is out, and all runners must return to their bases.
25. A thrown ball that hits the pitcher is ruled as if it had hit the ground unless it is ruled intentional interference. The lead runner is out and other runners return to the base occupied at the time of interference. The umpire will rule in these cases.
26. At least two males must be in the infield and outfield and at least one female must be in the infield and outfield. Each team must have at least one (1) female infielder that isn't the catcher if using a female at the catcher position. The extra defender (defensive team pitcher) may play in the infield or outfield. All infielders must start play with their feet in the dirt.
27. 200-foot Co-Rec line (arc) will be painted in the outfield during games. All outfield players must be positioned behind this line during each offensive player's turn at bat. Outfielders may cross the line once the ball has been contacted by the batter.
28. Bunting or chopping the ball downward is prohibited.