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First Coast Games

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Tournament: Monday, Sept. 20th – Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 6:30pm

Location: Drew Park

Address: 6621 Barnes Road South | Jacksonville, FL 32216

Event Director: Devone Landers at dlanders@fcymca.org

Tournament Format: Pool Play / Single Elimination Tournament

ROSTERS

A full team consists of ten (10) players (5 females and 5 males). **Each team may have a maximum of 20 players on a roster.** Before the beginning of each game, it is the Team Captain's responsibility to give the scorekeeper the starting lineup for the game. All players must sign a First Coast Games waiver to be eligible to participate. **Only the 20 person roster submitted at time of game are allowed in dugout at all times. The only exception is if a team has a coach in the dugout that is not playing in the game, but solely coaching.**

UNIFORMS

All teams will be required to wear the First Coast Games t-shirt that is provided.

BALLS

Teams shall furnish balls equal to USSSA certified 40 core / 325 compression Classic M for men and Classic W for women, both must be optic yellow with blue stitching. **Each team is required to bring one new male and one new female ball for their first game of the tournament. These will be given to the event director at check-in. These can be purchased from Drew Park.**

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

1. All occupants of player's bench must be in team uniform. No steel cleats, spikes or street shoes allowed; rubber cleats and tennis shoes are allowed.
2. All teams must furnish their own bats and gloves. All bats must conform to USSSA approved bat specifications. Umpires will check bats before each game, a bat may be removed from play due to cracks, flat spots or other reasons to be determined by the umpire. **All bats must have the 1.2 thumbprint on bat as stated by USSSA rules. Bats must also stay in garbage can outside of dugout at all times (cannot be brought into dugout during game).** Bats may become invalid at any time (before, during or after a game) due to USSSA testing.

PLAYERS

1. **Maximum of 20 players allowed on each roster.** A full team on the field consists of 10 players (5 males and 5 females).
2. Teams have the option of playing co-ed with an extra player: Twelve players - six males and six females, as in 10 players in the field with 2 Extra Players (EPs) who bat in the lineup.
3. When in the field, the defense must have the following breakdown of males/females:
 - Pitcher/Catcher: 1 male/1 female
 - Infield: 2 males/2 females
 - Outfield: 2 males/2 females

BATTING

One & One count: Each batter will come to bat with a one ball and one strike count. There will not be a courtesy foul ball on the third strike. City/Parks no longer allows courtesy fouls in any of their leagues or tournaments. Currently in leagues if you foul off the 3rd strike you're out. The YMCA First Coast Game Softball event will abide by the **no courtesy foul**.

STEALING

Stealing bases is not allowed.

BATTING ORDER

The batting order shall alternate between genders.

WALK

If a male batter walks he will be awarded two bases. If there are two outs when the male batter walks, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.

PITCHERS SCREEN

JaxParks and Florida First Coast Softball leagues and tournaments are required to use a pitching screen. **Since the City/JaxParks is a co-sponsor of this tournament we will use a pitching screen.**

GAME LENGTH

Games will be 7 innings, or 50 minutes, in length with the following exceptions:

- A new inning may not begin after 50 minutes of play, however, if the time expires after a new inning has already begun, the inning must be completed.

Championship Game **ONLY** will be 7 innings or 65 minutes of play.

OUTFIELD PLAY

Outfield players must play behind a designated 200-foot line prior to each female batter. A violation of this rule will result in an automatic base hit for the batter and all runners will advance one base.

A PLAYER OR A SUBSTITUTE

Shall be officially in the games when his/her name has been entered on the official score sheet, and in possession of the Official Scorer or who has been announced as a sub by his/her coach. A substitute may take the place of a player whose name is on his team's batting order.

RE-ENTRY

Any of the starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he or she is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.

IMPROPER RE-ENTRY

The act of an improper re-entry is handled as a protest by the offended team. Examples are:

- Starter who re-enters in an incorrect batting position
- Starter who re-enters a third time
- A substitute who re-enters the game

SAFE PLAY

Runners may not deliberately collide with another player. Violation may result in either being declared out, removal from the game and in the event of bodily injury, expulsion from the tournament. Sliding is permissible.

NATURE OF THE GAME

The team captain is the only team representative that may approach an umpire to question a call. All others risk being ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

HOME RUN LIMIT

All balls hit over the fence by a team in excess of one (1) will be an out. There will be no ejection from the game for hitting a home run in excess of the limit. The ball is dead and no runners will advance.

RUN RULES

Games will have a 20-run rule after three (3) innings, 15-run rule after four (4) innings and 10-run rule after (5) innings.