## **2015 Rotary Day Softball Tournament**

**Rules & By-laws**

The 2015 Rotary Day Softball Tournament shall consist of teams with a playing strength of ten (10) softball players; however the roster is open with unlimited players on the roster/waiver forms. Each team may have a mixture of men and women (2 women on the field at all times). The tournament will take place at the **Tiyan Field** on **January 17, 2015**. The tournament format will consist of four (4) teams representing the Four (4) Rotary Clubs on Guam. The games will begin at 10:00am to 1:00pm.

# Rule 1- ATTIRE

1. Shorts, tank tops, jerseys are acceptable to wear
2. Uniforms are not required, but are encouraged.
3. Must wear athletic footwear (NO METAL SPIKES)

# Rule 2- ROSTER

1. All teams must be a member of a Rotary Club on Guam.
2. All players must be active members of a Rotary Club or an immediate Family member of a Rotary Club member. **THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT ABIDE WITH TEAMS THAT VIOLATE THIS RULE. ANY GAMES THAT ILLEGAL PLAYERS HAVE PLAYED IN WILL BE FORFEITED AND WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE PLAY-OFFS.** Due to cost and time constraints, if a team was to be in violation of this rule during the play-offs will forfeit only the game against the team making the protest, all previous games will stand (protest must be made during the game).
3. A player must be on the playing field and reported on the line-up at least **1 game** to be eligible to play in the play-offs. (Appearance on the roster)
4. If a player is no longer a member of a Rotary Club on Guam, that player may ***not*** continue.
5. Line-Up must be turned in prior to the scheduled start of the game. If no line-up is turned in and the official on the field has determine who is home team after the coin toss, game will be a forfeit and awarded to the team who had their line-up in.
6. **A minimum of 2 female must be in the line-up and on the field at all times.**
7. Teams playing with only nine players must take an automatic OUT on the 10th batter **but must have the 2 females on the field at all times.**
8. Rotary Clubs interested in combining to form one team must submit in writing a list of the roster and announce their intentions at the tournament organization meeting. The majority of the committee members attending the meeting must approve all requests.
9. Players may only play with one team.
10. Team Rosters/ Waivers must be turned in before their first game. ALL WAIVER FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE 3RD GAME; WE WILL NOT ALLOW SIGNATURES AFTER YOUR THIRD SCHEDULED GAME.
11. Two (2) Female Spouses (legally married) are **allowed** to play.
12. Should a female be pitching during the game, a male catcher must catch. Vice versa with the male.

# Rule 3- GAMES

1. One (1) round robin with **four teams** divisions. Top two (2) teams will move to the play-off.
2. SINGLE ELIMINATION (PLAY-OFF)
3. 3rd & 4th Place Teams will play a consolation game.
4. IF A GAME IS TIED, WE WILL USE THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULES, WHICH STATES THAT THE LAST BATTER UP FROM LAST INNING GOES TO SECOND BASE.

# Rule 4- FORFEITS

1. **Grace period of 5 minutes.**
2. **No Alcohol and No Smoking** allowed in the dugout or on the field.
3. Any fighting will result in the player(s) suspended for the remainder of the season.
4. 1 forfeit game and your team will be automatically out of the playoff.

# Rule 5- OPTION TO WALK

1. If a male batter is walked before a female batter, the male batter advances to second base, **however if there are 2 outs** the female batter will also have the option to hit or walk. The female batter must announce to the umpire that she wants the option to walk before stepping into the batters box.
2. On the female batter, outfielders must not pass the 120 mark.

# Rule 6- EQUIPMENT

1. Each Team must provide softballs – 12 inch for men and 11 inch for females OPTIC YELLOW - **(MSP 44 COR with 375 compression ONLY, 44 COR are also allowed),** (ASA Stamped approve only with red stich seams)
2. Female batters have option to hit male softballs.
3. Follow ASA 2012-2013 rulebook.
4. All ASA approved bats are allowed. **Anyone caught with an unapproved ASA bats will GET A 1ST WARNING. And if seen using the same illegal bat repeatedly, player will get ejected during the game.**
5. **Non-approved ASA** bats will be posted at the field for reference and a current ASA approved listing.

# Rule 7- SPORTSMANSHIP

1. No bad language allowed on the field by players or coaches.
2. Umpire has the authority to remove a player or players from the game for flagrant un-sportsmanlike conduct.

# Rule 8- UMPIRES

1. Umpires must carry a copy of ROTARY by-laws and ASA Softball Rules Regulations book when working the Rotary Tournament games.
2. Umpires call stands.
3. Any Protested games will continue play but the opposing teams’ manager MUST notify the umpire what is being protest and official scorer will noted on the official scorebook time, date, by who and fraction of protest.
4. The committee will review the protest and a decision will be handed down before the next weekend.
5. A playing teams coach; manager or team captain should make the protests. There will be no protests accepted when an umpire’s judgment is questioned.

# Rule 9- POSTPONEMENTS

1. Games may be canceled or delayed due to inclement weather
2. Inclement weather calls…. If it is before the end of 4 1/2 complete innings the game will be replayed from the start of the game. Follow **ASA 2012-2013** Official Softball Rules and Regulations.
3. **Should games be delayed due to rain conditions, to catch up with game time, game will be a ONE-and-ONE count.**

# Rule 10- MERCY RULE

1. Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings & 10 after 5 innings.
2. A time limitation per game is 1 hour. No new inning after 55 minutes if the home team is ahead.
3. IF THE GAME IS TIED, WE WILL USE THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULES, WHICH STATES THAT THE LAST BATTER UP FROM LAST INNING GOES TO SECOND BASE.
4. Unlimited homeruns allowed for the Tournament.

# Rule 11- EXTRA HITTERS

1. If using only (1) extra hitter the coach has the option of using a male or female hitter.
2. If using 2 extra hitter’s one hitter must be a FEMALE and the other a MALE.
3. **Remember extra hitter may not be used if playing with only 9 players.**

# Rule 12- TIE BREAKERS

Ties will be decided in this order for playoff:

1. Total runs scored are the final tiebreaker if there are three or more teams are tied. Loses due to forfeit is counted as 0 runs and Wins will be counted as 7 runs.

# Rule 13- MANAGEMENT

1. The management of this tournament shall be vested in the Rotary Day Softball Tournament Committee.

**Rule 14- FEES**

1. Each team shall pay to the Rotary Day Softball Tournament Committee the total fee of $150 before the tournament starts. Once you’ve completed & submitted your registration form, there will be NO REFUNDS!

The following is the official calendar game date for the **2015 Rotary Day Softball Tournament**:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS: List of representatives per team based on attendance at the Rotary Day Softball Tournament Committee Meeting.**

Any questions or concerns pertaining to the tournament and regulations may be addressed to:

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