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2018 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES OF PLAY

- Participants **MUST BE MEMBERS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** and their family members only. Please do not embarrass yourself or us by bringing in Non-AA persons and/or “Ringers” to participant in this event. This is supposed to be a friendly competitive event among our local AA Groups only.
- You must have 10 players to play a game. (At least 4 men or women must be in the field for your team at all times).
- You may have any number of players in your batting line up. (Must have the minimum of 10 players up to a maximum of 15).
- Field positions will consist of a pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, shortstop, left field, left center field, right center field and right field.
- Batting orders must be followed throughout the game. If you bat out of order it is an automatic out. (Umpires will be making sure the batting orders are right during the game. Any substitutions in the batting order must be reported to the umpires).
- Games will be 7 innings long or 60 minutes long, whichever comes first. (At the 60 minute mark, whatever inning your game is in, will be the last inning).
- There will be a “Mercy Rule” in effect for all games. If one team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings, or by 10 runs after 5 innings, the game will be over.
- You may substitute players in the field as much as you like as long as you follow the “4 men or women rule” in the field at all times.
- You may use 1 pinch runner per inning. (Make sure that pinch-runner is not on base when or if their time to bat comes up).
- All base runners must maintain contact to their respective bases until a pitched ball is hit by the batter. (If you are caught off of the bases during a pitched ball it will be considered an automatic out).
- Stealing bases and leading off bases will not be allowed.

- Pitchers must arc the pitch between a minimum of 3 feet high to a maximum of 10 feet high. If the Home Plate Umpire deems the pitch to be too flat(under 3 feet) or too high(over 10 feet) the batter will be awarded an automatic “ball” for that pitch.
- If a pop fly is hit in the infield with less than 2 outs, with (a) runners on first and second base, or (b) bases loaded, this will be considered an “infield fly” and the batter is automatically called out. The runners will return or stay on the base they were on when the play started.
- Any base runner causing a collision at any base will be called out and will not be allowed to play for the rest of the game. (Please, try to avoid any hard contact while running the bases. This will prevent players from getting injured unnecessarily).
- You CAN NOT wear any metal spiked shoes or football cleats. Softball cleats MUST have rubber spikes on them or none at all.
- Everyone enjoy yourselves and have fun. Protect yourselves and your fellow players from getting hurt. Talk as much TRASH as you like, within reason. Remember, it’s better to give a resentment than to get one. Also, please remember that other family members and children may be present. Practice principles before personalities. Good Luck to all the players, teams and fans. PLAY BALL!

If you have any questions about the rules please contact me,

DATE: _____

I _____,

a member of the _____ Group have read and

agree to abide by the rules and terms as they are laid out in this document, and to inform all our Team members of these rules and terms and with the understanding that our Team can and will be disqualified from the Tournament if we knowingly break THIS RULE:

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