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SOUTH CENTRAL PA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

CRIST FIELDS, YORK PA

- A. All play will be governed by the current edition of the USA Rules of Softball, except as herein amended
- B. All problems or questions not covered by the current edition of the USA Rules of Softball or these amendments, are reserved to the Tournament Director and not subject to appeal.
- C. The Crist Fields Complex enjoys an excellent relationship to its neighbors. Please be mindful that the York County Heritage Rail Trail goes through the Crist Fields Complex and is not a motor vehicle driveway. Also be mindful that the neighboring businesses allow patrons of Crist Fields to park on their lots.
- D. Animals must be on a leash and not left alone. You are responsible for picking up after them.
- E. There are no alcoholic beverages permitted on the Crist Fields property or any of the neighboring property where there is parking for the Crist Field event.
- F. There is a no smoking zone throughout the Crist Field Complex.
- G. Teams should do their part in making sure the dugouts are clean and free of debris.
- H. Communications with all leading up to the Tournament is done electronically by email, text, Twitter, and postings on our website at www.scpas.org. In addition, changes to a game status or weather related information will be recorded on our telephone line at 717-916-3963. Teams must have a valid cell phone number and email address on file with SCPAS through their website. Failure to check your communications methods is not a valid excuse for not knowing a change has been made. Teams are required to create a "membership" on the SCPAS website when registering for a tournament. Please make sure that your contact information is accurate.
- I. Ample notice will be provided to all teams in the event of weather. The teams lack of checking with those resources is not an excuse for the team to be late.
- J. Teams must check in with the Tournament Director one hour before the start time of their first game. Failure to check in will result in the forfeit of games until the team does check in.
- K. Teams must submit their proof of insurance electronically and their team roster upon registration for the tournament.
- L. Forfeit time is game time as specified herein. If a forfeit is declared, the score entered will be 7-0.



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- M. Teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to their first scheduled game of the day. After their first game, teams must be prepared to play 10 minutes after the previous game has ended. These requirements may be changed by the Tournament Director if inclement weather affects the playing schedule.
- N. In pool play, the winner of a coin toss prior to the start of a game will have the choice of being home or visitors. In championship play the higher seeded team will have the choice. If both teams are equally seeded in championship play then a coin toss will be used.
- O. All games will have a time limit of 1 hour and 20 minutes, finish the inning. The clock will begin immediately after the plate meeting. It is the umpires responsibility to record and announce the start time, however the failure of the umpire to do so, does not change the start time or the time length. If time expires in the bottom half of the inning with the home team winning, the game is over immediately.
- P. Championship games only will play with no time limit and will play a complete 7 innings, weather and darkness permitting.
- Q. In pool play, if the teams are tied at the end of the inning where time runs out, that game is over and a tie should be recorded. In championship play, the tie breaker shall be used. There must be a winner. The run ahead rule for USA Softball will be in effect for all games.
- R. Protests on any issue other than an umpire's judgment will require a \$100.00 protest fee. Protests on an umpire's judgment will not be allowed and no fee will be accepted. Protests on rule or procedural interpretations must be made before the next pitch and will be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. A protest by a team on a tournament procedure or on another team's player eligibility must be made before either team starts their next game and will be decided upon before either team continues play. The protest committee will be made up of the following: The tournament director, the umpire in charge, and a member of the Board of SCPAS. If the protest is upheld the \$100.00 will be refunded. If the protest is denied the fee will be forfeited.
- S. Umpires will be responsible for reporting the game score. Both teams have an obligation to make sure that the score from both books matches. If there is any discrepancy, the home book will be used for the score.
- T. Once pool play is completed, the order of finish will be determined by:
 - a. Winning record
 - b. Runs for
 - c. Runs against
 - d. Coin Flip



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- U. If a team has to play 1 more pool game than other teams, then the last pool game for that team will not count toward their point total or run averages, although it does count for their opposing team.
- V. If an illegal player participates at any time during the event, the player and the team manager will be ejected from the balance of the tournament and all the games that the illegal player participated in will be forfeited. Participation is defined as:
 - a. Actively playing in the game, or
 - b. Appearing on any official lineup card submitted to an umpire, or
 - c. Appearing on the official roster submitted for the tournament.

Examples of illegal players include, but are not limited to the following

- d. Playing on two teams in the same event
 - e. A player that does not appear on the teams roster submitted when registering
 - f. Violating the age requirement
 - g. Playing under an assumed identity
 - h. Use of a fraudulent birth certificate
 - i. Not presenting a valid birth certificate when requested to do so
 - j. Teams may bat 9, 10 or 11 and may also use the DP/FLEX.
- W. Team managers are responsible for knowing when and where their next game is. Managers will not receive calls from the Tournament staff requesting that information.
 - X. If inclement weather or any other conditions impede the normal progress of the tournament, the Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format/times in order to achieve the maximum number of games played or to declare the/an order of finish.
 - Y. In pool play, teams shall bat the entire roster of players and a courtesy runner shall be the player on the bench with the last completed at bat.
 - Z. In bracket play, teams may bat 9, 10 or 11 (using 2 extra players). If a team is batting all of their available players then a courtesy runner shall be the player on the bench with the last completed at bat. If the team has substitutions on their lineup card, then standard courtesy runner rules apply.