

# **2024 OFFICIAL CO-ED TOURNAMENT RULES**

The American Softball Association (ASA) Rules are the official rules for the Tournament. The following are highlights of these rules and special modifications for the Tournament. Where these rules are different from ASA rules, these rules apply.

## **General Rules:**

1. The City of River Falls, River Falls Baseball Council (RFBC) and the River Falls Youth Baseball Organization (RFBYO) is not responsible for any injuries or damage to property.
2. Plate and mat is a strike. 6' floor – 12' ceiling on pitches. Last out will be required to ump for their team upon the next at bat. Please keep in mind this is a fundraiser for youth baseball – we ask that pitchers police themselves on pitch restrictions and base coaches help the umpires in the field with calls (foul lines and close plays on the bases). Pitchers are strongly encouraged to wear a protective mask. Umpires will be provided for bracket games (3<sup>rd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> place) and as available throughout the day.
3. Teams must include 5 female players. Absolutely NO double rostering is allowed. Once a person has played with a team, that is the only team person can play with throughout tournament.
4. Must alternate male/female positions in the field (example: female at 3B, male at SS, female at 2B, male at LF, female at LC, male at RC etc.) Batting order must alternate sexes. If a male player is walked the next batter has the option of taking a free base as well.
5. Male players must use bats designated by the tournament director (31" wood Rawlings bat). Female players must use ASA authorized bats. Must be left at backstop between male batters.
6. No food or drink on the turf (other than water)

## **GAME RULES:**

1. Regulation game shall consist of six (6) innings with the following exceptions – no new inning shall start after one hour of play:
  - a. The twenty (20) run rule will be in effect after four (4) innings (4 1/2 innings, if the home team is ahead) (NO RUN RULE OR TIME LIMIT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME), and twelve (12) run after five (5) innings (5 1/2 innings, if the home team is ahead)
  - b. In case of a tie game, (end of 6 innings), and the time limit has not been reached, additional innings will be played until a winner is determined. Each team has one pool game – a pool game may end in a tie if time limit is reached.
2. A team may play no more than 10 players in the field plus unlimited extra hitters as long as they are alternating sexes in the batting order.
3. Metal cleats are illegal and will result in an automatic ejection from the tournament. Any player caught wearing metal spikes while at bat, or on the base paths, this will also constitute an automatic out.
4. All batters will start with a 1 – 1 count. NO COURTESY FOUL BALL (example: if you foul a ball off with 2 strikes you are out)
5. **Home Run Rule: NO LIMIT.**
6. Batters hitting a home run will advance to first base only and will then exit the field. Any other base runners may depart the field immediately.
7. Intentional walks are legal and pitches do not have to be thrown. The pitcher must notify the umpire prior to a pitch.
8. A pitch must be tossed underhand and travel in a limited arc of at least 6 ft and no more than 12 ft above the ground after being released from the pitcher's hand.
9. Runners may not leave base until ball has reached the batter (umpires judgment)
10. or has been hit. PENALTY: RUNNER IS OUT.
11. Home plate mat, which fits behind home plate, will be used to outline the strike zone. **(PLATE AND MAT IS A STRIKE)**
12. Sliding is permitted. If the fielder has the ball in his possession, the base runner must slide or avoid contact of the
13. defensive player. If a collision occurs, the base runner will be called out (deadball) as will the assisted runner.
14. Home team is decided by coin toss throughout the tournament.