



rules

Georgia softball group

2009 USSSA Softball TOURNAMENT

1. TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 10 PM FRIDAY OR UNTIL TOURNAMENT IS FULL.
2. FIRST ROUND GAME TIMES WILL BE GIVEN AFTER 6PM ON THURSDAY.
3. **DROP-OUT POLICY:** TEAMS MUST CALL PRIOR TO 6 PM THURSDAY TO CANCEL WITHOUT PENALTY. AFTER 10 PM YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE FULL TOURNAMENT FEE. YOU MUST SPEAK WITH A PERSON FOR CANCELLATION (CALL 478-231-5053)
4. REGULAR TOURNAMENT ENTRANCE FEE IS \$200.00 CASH. ENTRANCE FEE FOR THE MONEY SERIES IS \$250.00 (see our website: www.maconsoftball.com for dates). **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY TOURNAMENT.** COMMERCIAL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO: *CENTRAL GEORGIA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.* **RETURN CHECK FEE IS \$50.00.** NO EXCEPTIONS!!
5. IF ID IS REQUESTED BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, IT **MUST** BE PRESENTED WITHIN 5 MINUTES OR THE TEAM FORFEITS THE GAME.
6. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK.
7. THERE IS NO PROTEST FEE IN GA USSSA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS.
8. BAD LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE EJECTED WITHOUT A WARNING.
9. **RUN RULE (MEN'S):** 20 RUNS AFTER 3RD INNING; 15 RUNS AFTER 4TH INNING; 10 RUNS AFTER 5TH INNING.
10. **HOME RUN RULE:**

MEN'S D = NONE	OVER THE LIMIT IS AN OUT
MEN'S D+ = 1	OVER THE LIMIT IS AN OUT
MEN'S C = 2	OVER THE LIMIT IS AN OUT
MEN'S C+ = 3	OVER THE LIMIT IS AN OUT

***** ON SHORT FIELDS (# 3, #4, AND #5) ONE COURTESY HOME RUN IS GIVEN TO EACH TEAM.**

11. ON A FAIR FLY BALL HIT OVER THE FENCE FOR A HOME RUN, AND/OR A (4) BASE ERROR, THE BATTER AND ANY RUNNERS ARE CREDITED WITH A SCORE. THE BATTER AND ANY RUNNERS ON BASE DO NOT NEED TO ADVANCE AND TOUCH THE BASES. THEY SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE DUGOUT AREA.
12. TEAMS MAY START AND PLAY THE FIRST GAME WITH EIGHT (8) PLAYERS. TEAM WILL BE CHARGED WITH ONE OUT.
13. TEAMS MAY START AND PLAY WITH 9 PLAYERS. NO PENALTY. THIS IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL GAMES.
14. TEAMS STARTING WITH EIGHT (8) PLAYERS CAN ADD THE 9TH AND/OR 10TH PLAYER AT ANYTIME. TEAMS STARTING WITH NINE (9) CAN ADD THE 10TH PLAYER AT ANY TIME. THIS IS DONE WITH NO PENALTY.
15. AFTER A TEAM'S FIRST SCHEDULED GAME, THEY MUST HAVE 9 PLAYERS TO START OR CONTINUE TO PLAY.
16. THE 11TH PLAYER CANNOT BE ADDED AFTER THE FIRST PITCH OF THE GAME.
17. IF A TEAM STARTS WITH TEN (10) PLAYERS AND GOES DOWN A PLAYER; THE SPOT IN THE ODER IT IS IN IS AN OUT, AND THE TEAM CONTINUES TO PLAY. IF A TEAM

STARTS WITH ELEVEN (11) PLAYERS, AND GOES DOWN 2 PLAYERS, IT IS 2 OUTS AND THE TEAM CONTINUES TO PLAY.

18. TIE GAMES GO TO ONE-PITCH IN THE TOP OF THE 8TH INNING
19. PLAYERS CAN NOT PLAY UP OR DOWN IN CLASS. ONCE A PLAYER PLAYS IN A CLASS (S)HE IS FROZEN IN THAT CLASS. IF (S)HE PLAYS DOWN (S)HE IS SUSPENDED. PLAYERS MAY PLAY WITH TEAMS THAT DO NOT HAVE A FROZEN ROSTER (WITHIN THEIR CLASSIFICATION).
20. EACH MEN'S TEAM MUST FURNISH ONE (1) NEW USSSA LEGAL BALL EACH GAME
21. A COIN FLIP AT THE START OF EACH GAME WILL DETERMINE HOME TEAM. THERE WILL BE NO COIN FLIP IF A TEAM USES THE GRACE PERIOD (TEAM'S 1ST GAME ONLY), OR IS NOT READY FOR THE FLIP WHEN THE UMPIRE CALLS. THE OTHER TEAM AUTOMATICALLY WINS THE TOSS AND CHOICE OF HOME OR VISITOR.
22. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR MAY ALLOW A GRACE PERIOD FOR A TEAM'S FIRST GAME ONLY.
23. NO GRACE TIME AFTER THE FIRST GAME. IF GAMES RUN BEHIND TEAMS MUST BE ON THE FIELD AS SOON AS THE FIELD IS OPEN. TEAMS MUST CHECK BRACKETS POSTED BY THE CONCESSION STAND FOR ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES.
24. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR MAY CHANGE FIELDS IF GAMES RUN BEHIND.
25. **EVERY TEAM MUST PAY AND TURN IN A ROSTER FOR EACH TOURNAMENT BEFORE THE TEAM STARTS ITS FIRST (1ST) GAME.** TEAMS MAY ADD PLAYERS TO THEIR ROSTER UP TO THE START OF THEIR SECOND (2ND) GAME.. ONCE THE TEAM HAS FULFILLED THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, THE Y WILL BE ISSUED A NUMBERED TICKET WHICH MUST BE GIVEN TO THE UMPIRE BEFORE THE START OF THEIR FIRST GAME.
26. **ROSTERS MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE.** IF A NAME ON A ROSTER IS ILLEGIBLE, THAT PLAYER MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. IF ONLY ONE NAME (FIRST OR LAST) IS PLACED ON THE ROSTER, THE PLAYER SHALL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL AND EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. ROSTER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT OUR WEBSITE: www.maconsoftball.com .
27. TEAMS WILL FORFEIT THE TOURNAMENT IF ANY PLAYER PASSES OUT FLYERS, SCHEDULES. NEWSLETTERS OR PROMOTES TOURNAMENTS., LEAGUES OR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATIONS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRCTOR.
28. RAIN-OUT POLICY. IF A TOURNAMENT STARTS AND IS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS/UNPLAYABLE FIELDS AND AT LEAST 1 GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED, THE TEAM WILL RECEIVE A CREDIT EQUAL TO HALF OF THE TOURNAMENT FEE PAID. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU PAID \$ 200.00, YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$100.00 CREDIT IF 2 GAMES HAVE BEEN PAID, THE TEAM WILL NOT RECEIVE A CREDIT.
29. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAYS, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HAS THE RIGHT TO DECLARE THE GAME A ONE PITCH OR AN OFFICIAL GAME AFTER 5 INNINGS OF PLAY UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED THAT WE'RE WITHIN REASON TO START REGULAR GAME TIMES .
30. UMPIRES MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM.
31. NO VISIBLE CELL PHONES ON THE FIELD.
32. UMPIRES WILL HOLD ALL GAME BALLS.
33. FOR SAFETY REASONS PLAYERS MUST REMAIN IN THE DUG-OUT.