

# Morris Clark Senior Softball Tournament 2014 Rules

**\*\* ASA softball rules will apply unless our tournament rules specifically cover that topic.**

**BALLS:** Men's teams will bat with a 12' Dudley SY12 HCY thunder HYPOR max 300 capacity .52 core. Women's teams will use an 11' Dudley softball SY11RF 40/375 core.

**BASE DISTANCE:** Official base distance between each base will be 70 ft.

**BATS:** Senior Bats allowed, except if opponent is an all women's team. All bats must be marked BPF 1.21 or less may be used. Bats must have their original paint markings for complete identification. Any bats on the ASA 2014 non approved list will be deemed illegal and not allowed in tournament play.

## HOME / AWAY TEAMS

A coin toss by the umpire will determine home and away teams at the start of each game.

## HOME RUNS

One (1) over-the-fence per team per game, plus the progressive rule. Once each team has hit its home run, each may hit another. No team may be more than one (1) home run ahead of its opponent. In excess, a dead-ball single (runners advance only if forced).

## PITCHING

Pitchers will be allowed to pitch behind the pitching rubber a maximum of 6ft directly behind the rubber. The pitcher cannot pitch outside the width of the rubber

## ROSTERS

Teams must provide their rosters prior to the start of their first game to the tournament director / staff.

**In the 65+ division**, players on teams in this division must have been born in 1949 or earlier

**In the 60 division**, players on teams in this division must have been born in 1954 or earlier

**In the 50 division**, players on teams in this division must have been born in 1964 or earlier

**\*\*please be prepared to present picture id with birth date validating your age.**

*Team must be entered into teamsideline/Spokane by 08/01/14 in order for schedule to be released on time; hard copies of rosters can be turned in prior to the start of your first game.*

Women's teams: Player must be turning 45 during the calendar year 2014.

## RUN LIMIT RULE

A five run rule per inning shall be in effect with the following exceptions: (A) a team that is

behind by more than five runs can catch up; (B) the 7<sup>th</sup> inning is an open inning-no limit ;(C) a 12 run mercy rule will apply after 5 innings of play, except in championship games.

## **RUNNERS**

No run by at 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base. A runner that interferes or impedes with the safe catching or throwing of the ball by the defender in the judgment of the umpire, will be called out. Pickle play will be allowed.

## **SECOND HOME PLATE & COMMITMENT LINE**

Defensive players can only touch plate (not strike mat), and runners can only touch the scoring plate, which is eight (8) feet from the back tip of home plate.

- Runners touching/crossing home plate/strike mat will be out; ball will remain live.
- Prior to reaching the commitment line 20' from plate, a runner may change direction only once, unless the defense is fielding or throwing ball. There are no tag outs from commitment line to scoring plate, only force outs at home.

## **STRIKE MAT**

A pitched ball hitting the strike mat or home plate is a strike. 6'-12' requirements

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Unlimited substitutions. A players' re-entry must be in the same batting order. If any player is injured and unable to continue, the lineup will be compressed and no "out" will be counted where the player was to bat.

## **TIME LIMIT. & TIE BREAKER Time limit: 1**

Hour and 15 minutes.

**Tiebreaker:** At end of 7 innings, if tied, play a maximum of 1 inning (only if time limit has not been reached). Each team will start with a runner on second base. The runner must be the last person who batted the previous inning, whether they made the third out or not. No substitute or courtesy runner may be used until that runner has advanced to 3rd base. Should the proper runner be unable to continue due to injury, an out is declared, and the next previous out becomes the proper runner.

If a game is tied after 7 innings and the time limit has expired, the teams will revert back to the score of the prior inning to determine the winner. If the prior inning's score still results in a tie, the game will be called a tie. **(No tie in championship games.)**

## **Women's Teams**

Leadoff batter for ladies has the option to bat or start at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Ladies get 3 outs and play with 11 players. 200' boundary line. Men cannot run in front of boundary line until ball has been hit. Ladies will be responsible for marking boundary line.

