

# 2017 Police and Fire Games Softball Tournament

## 1. EQUIPMENT.

a) All bats used in this tournament has to have official USSSA Thumbprint on bats. This was updated in 2011. Bats will be checked by the umpires before games.

(1) If a player is caught using an illegal bat the team will be disqualified from the tournament.

(a) There will be no excuses accepted or exceptions made. An umpire's mistake of a bats eligibility will not be an excuse. It is the responsibility of each player and team to know which bats are legal.

(b) In player caught using a bat that has been altered, the player, team and department will be disqualified from any future Police and Fire Games hosted in the City of Dalton. The City of Dalton will also report the incident to the governing bodies of each department.

b) 12 inch men's softballs will be provided by Georgia Police and Fire Games, no outside balls will be used.

c) A pitchers net will be used.

(1) The net will be optional for the pitcher. If he/she does not want to use it he/she is responsible for removing AND replacing the net after each half inning.

(2) If used the net must remain in the designated area.

## 2. Rosters and ID's

a) Thirty minutes prior to your team's first game. All players MUST come to registration table located outside of concession stand building.

(1) Each player must have a government issued picture ID.

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(2) You must be a current or retired full time law enforcement or fire fighter. **NO VOLUNTEERS**

(3) All players must have registration/waiver form filled out before they step on field and checked off on check-in roster.

(a) **Any team caught using an illegal player will be disqualified from the tournament.**

(b) There will be no excuses accepted or exceptions made. A registration or check-in mistake of a player's eligibility will not be an excuse. It is the responsibility of each player and team to know the rules and adhere to them.

(c) If any player is caught falsifying their identity the player, team and department will be disqualified from any future Police and Fire Games hosted in the City of Dalton. The City of Dalton will also report the incident to the governing bodies of each department.

### 3. UNIFORMS

a) All uniforms must be same color with numbers on back.

(1) Hats and logos are optional.

### 4. PITCH COUNT AND AT BAT

a) Each player will go to the batter's box with a one and one count.

b) Each batter will only get one extra foul per at bat.

c) A batted ball into the pitchers net will count as a foul ball. All foul ball rules will apply.

d) NO courtesy runner unless due to injury

e) NO STEALING

f) You can start the game with 9 players but every time the 10 batter position comes up it will be an out.

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5. HOMERUN RULE
  - a) Each team will be allowed 5 homeruns per game.
  - b) After the 5th homerun, any additional homeruns will be an OUT.
6. Run Rule
  - a) 20 after 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 15 after 4<sup>th</sup> inning, 10 after 5<sup>th</sup> inning
7. PROTEST RULE
  - a) Only rules interpretations can be protested. You cannot protest a judgment call.
  - b) Player and bat eligibility can be protested.
  - c) All protests will be a \$50 fee. Paid before your protest is considered.
    - (1) If you're your team wins the protest, your fee will be refunded.
  - d) All tournament directors' decisions will be final.
8. PLAYER CONDUCT
  - a) Each player and team is expected to follow the standards of the USSSA rules book.
  - b) Each team manager will be held responsible for his/her teams' actions.
    - (1) If a player is ejected for misconduct the manager will also be ejected.
      - (a) The player will be disqualified for the remainder of that game and the following game.
        - (i) If a player is ejected during 2 games the player will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
        - (b) The coach will only be ejected for the remainder of the current game.

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(c) If a team has a total of 3 player ejections during the tournament the team will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.

(d) Any team involved in a physical altercation with staff or another team will be disqualified from any future Police and Fire Games hosted in the City of Dalton. The City of Dalton will also report the incident to the governing bodies of each department.

## 9. STAFF

- a) All umpires will be USSSA Certified.
- b) Official scorekeepers will be used.
  - (1) Scorekeeper's book is final score.
  - (2) Players will treat all staff with respect.
  - (3) Players and teams can be ejected or disqualified by the umpires and or the tournament director. Event organizers and designated tournament officials shall have the power to make all decisions on any points not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations and shall have the sole authority to interpret the intent and purpose of these Rules & Regulations. Event organizers and designated tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any player and/or team for infractions of tournament rules and policies

## 10. Format and Cost

- a) Double elimination bracket
- b) Cost will be \$250 per team.
- c) Payment will be taken at the fields.

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