

2018 Police and Fire Games Softball Tournament

1. EQUIPMENT

a) All bats used in this tournament has to have official USSSA Thumbprint on bats. (NO Senior 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. Balls hitting the net will be treated as foul balls (all foul ball rules apply)

2. ROSTERS AND ID

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.

(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.

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(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) **No Extra Foul. A foul ball with 2 strikes is an out.**

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.**

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.**

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6. RUN RULE

- a) 20 after 3rd inning, 15 after 4th inning, 10 after 5th 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.**

- (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.**

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(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) 3 Game Guarantee**
- b) Cost will be \$225 per team.**
- c) Payment will be taken at the fields.**

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Quick Rules of Interest:

- **1 hour 10 minute time limit on all games (no inning will begin after 1hr10min)**
- **Georgia Police & Fire will supply all game balls**
- **Bats must have USSSA “thumb print” Stamp (No senior league bats)**
- **5 Home Runs per team, then outs**
- **No metal spikes**
- **No Stealing**
- **Pitching screens will be used. (if a batted ball hits the screen, it will be treated as a foul ball. If screen is hit with 2 strikes, it will be an out)**
- **Run Rules are as follows:**
 - 20 after 3 innings**
 - 15 after 4 innings**
 - 10 after 5 innings**
- **1-1 count (No extra Foul) Foul Ball with two strikes is an out**
- **ROSTERS and RULE SHEET MUST be SIGNED and turned in before first game**
- **No "Pick-ups" will be allowed from other teams rosters. (This will result in a forfeit, and that team will be removed from tournament)**
- **If at any time, the umpires and/or tournament director feel like your team or any members of your team are out of control, your team will be asked to leave the park, and NO refund will be given.**