

Glover Classic Softball Tournament Rules 2018

1. Only wooden ASA softball bats are legal for men. No metal or composite or baseball bats are permitted. Women may use any **ASA approved** metal softball bat. We all use same softball.
2. Each team consists of ten players, with six men and four women. You can opt to have twelve in the lineup with seven men and five women (or even choose five men and three women). You can field your players and create **batting order however you wish** so long as you have correct ratio.
3. You may have **alternate players**, but can only have twelve in the lineup at a time. You may sub players during the game and starters may re-enter once. Co-ed bracket requires two less women than men in the lineup and on the field at all times. If unable to meet that requirement, the 10th batter will be an automatic out and only 9 players will be allowed on defense.
4. **Courtesy runners** are permitted once per half inning for each sex. May be any player on team, including alternates, but if that batter comes up while on base that batter will be out.
5. Players are only allowed to **play for one team**. No subs from other tournament teams permitted.
6. 7 innings per game -- if the game is tied after the 7th inning 1 player (alternating guy / girl) will be removed from each team each inning until a winner has been determined. **Players removed** are recorded as outs when up to bat so selection of player removed is strategic.
7. 15 run **mercy rule** after 4 innings. 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings.
8. All batters start with 1 and 1 count. Ball must strike plate or mat to be called strike. Foul ball with 2 strikes is an out. **Unlimited arc** allowed, but fast pitches without arc are illegal.
9. No walk, intentional or not, ever results in two bases awarded for men. **One base on balls** for everyone all the time, even with two outs and woman on deck.
10. Players must do their best to **avoid contact** on close plays. Failure to do so will be an out at the umpire's discretion. Please protect each other and avoid injury for all participants.
11. No metal cleats are allowed for **player safety**.
12. The winning team must leave behind 2 players to **umpire the next game**. Final game will be officiated by members of Glover Recreation.
13. **Coin flip** will determine home \ visitor every game, except championship game where undefeated team gets home field advantage. If another game is played, last winner is home.
14. If any player is asked to leave for **inappropriate behavior** his or her team will forfeit the tournament without refund.
15. All teams must be **ready to play 30min prior** to scheduled game times. We start at 8am.
16. Final team from the **loser's bracket** must win twice to win tournament. Double elimination.
17. Three (3) **home runs** out of the park, per team, per game. Any home runs after that will be an out and the runners may not advance. Inside the park home runs do not count against this total.
18. **NO ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES OR DRUGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD**. Guests and participants are asked to demonstrate responsible **adult behavior** off the field.
19. **NO GLASS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED AT PARK**. Bring cans for your beverages please.
20. Tournament about having **fun with friends**. If only thing that matters is winning, stay home.