



# **4TF BEACH BLAST 2020 TOURNAMENT RULES**

## **PARK RULES**

- **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL** is permitted at Wasaga Beach Facility. Remember all proceeds from this event go to support the Victim Services cause.
  - This includes the parking lot area!
- **NO TAILGATE PARTIES** are permitted in the Parking Lot!
- **DO NOT LITTER!**
  - Garbage receptacles are located at each bench and spectator area.
  - Clean up your dugout area at the completion of each game.

## **RULES FOR COED AND MENS DIVISIONS**

### **GAME TIME LIMITS**

- Each game is on a VERY STRICT TIME LIMIT.
- NSA Canada pitching rules are in effect.
- **TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BE AT THEIR DIAMOND 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME.**
  - **GAMES MAY START EARLY!!!**
  - **USE this time to your advantage!!!**
    - Prepare your line ups
    - Exchange batting orders with the opposition.
- **75 minutes is allotted for each game. (1 hour 15 minutes MAXIMUM)** if games go over time, score may revert to previous complete inning played at the discretion of the umpire as tourney convener.
- **NO NEW INNINGS AFTER 65 MINUTES.** (Regardless of how many innings are played)
- Umpire is the official time keeper; make sure you are given the start time of the game at the plate conference.
- 10 minute grace period
- **TIME STARTS AS SCHEDULED**
- Use allotted game time wisely.
  - Hustle on and off the field.
  - **ON DECK BATTER** must be in the on deck area.
- **NO ON FIELD WARM UP WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE 1st INNING.**
- **NO PROTESTS ON TIME ALLOWANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED!**

**ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!**

### **REPORTING SCORES**

**WINNING TEAM is responsible to report the scores.**

- Please report scores **IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME** to the draw board area.

### **PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS**

- **LEGAL SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAME.** (Subs do not have to field before batting.)
  - Any of the starting players may be withdrawn from the game and **RE-ENTERED ONCE**, (including EP's), providing the player occupies the original spot in the batting order.

### **ROUND ROBIN GAMES**

- Round Robin games may end in a tie. Extra innings will be used to determine a winner in the **playoffs only.**
- A maximum of 7 runs per inning, except in the final inning, which is open.
- **HOME TEAM IS DETERMINED BY A COIN TOSS IN ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES.**
- **IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING - THEY DO NOT TAKE THEIR LAST BAT. (regardless of +/-)**
- Rosters must be turned into the drawboards area before the start of your 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Robin game you will be charged \$35 per player above 11 players please note these funds also go to the Victim Services charity.

## PLAYOFF GAMES

- PLAYOFF GAMES are still on a TIME LIMIT of 75 Minutes MAXIMUM.
  - EXCEPTION the FINAL GAME for each division will have NO TIME LIMITS imposed.
  - HOME TEAM IS DETERMINED BY A COIN TOSS IN ALL PLAYOFF GAMES
  - **EXCEPTION IS IN THE FINAL GAME, THE UNDEFEATED TEAM WILL HAVE CHOICE OF HOME OR VISITOR.**
  - If a Playoff game is tied at the completion of the last inning, continue normal play until a winner is decided. (International tie breaking will not be used)
- IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST INNING - THEY DO NOT TAKE THEIR LAST BAT.
  - A maximum of 7 runs per inning, except in the final inning, which is open.
  - All Final games must be played. No splitting of award money allowed. Any team caught splitting will forfeit their winnings, and the money will be split among the last four placing teams in your playoff division.

## FORMAT OF PLAY

- The format is 6 & 4. (6 Males and 4 Females) **Coed only rule!**
- SPFA Autism Division will consist of three (3) Females and seven (7) Males.
- Games MUST BEGIN WITHOUT USING THE GRACE PERIOD if a minimum of 8 players are present at start time. (5 males and 3 Females) **Coed only rule!**
- IF a team has only 3 Female players, an AUTOMATIC OUT will be given for the missing female position in the Batting Order. There is NO AUTO OUT for a missing MALE position. **Coed only rule!**
- LATE PLAYERS **MUST BE** INCLUDED IN THE BATTING ORDER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME.
- LATE PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED TO THE GAME AT ANY TIME. (they do not have to field before they can bat)
- FEMALE POSITIONS IN THE BATTING ORDER MUST BE DESIGNATED, and remain FEMALE positions throughout the game. **Coed rule only!**
- Two EXTRA PLAYERS may be used in the BATTING LINE UP; these must be one male and one female. **Coed only rule!**
- IF the game starts with 12 batters, the game MUST end with 12 batters
  - If an EP is forced to leave the game for any reason (injury or ejection etc.) and another eligible player is not available to replace the player, and AUTO OUT will be given to the missing spot in the order. (MALE OR FEMALE)

## OTHER RULES

- Four courtesy runners will be allowed per game.
- Only females can bunt. **Coed only rule!**
- Men will hit the 12" ball, females must hit the 11" ball there is no option. **Coed only rule!**
- **Mercy rule is in effect - 20 runs after 3, 15 runs after 4, and 10 runs after 5 complete innings.**
- When a male batter is walked, (any walk, regardless of the count) when followed by a female, the male batter takes 2nd base and the female has the option to take 1st or bat. **Coed only rule!**
- Teams must retrieve Home run and foul balls. If they do not the umpire has the discretion of calling the next batter out.
- 5 and 1 UP Home Run rule is in effect.
  - Each team is allowed 5 home runs per game
  - Once the home run limit is reached by both teams, a team may only be up by one home run over the opposition.
  - Any additional HOME RUNS exceeding the 1 UP rule will be recorded as an OUT.
  - The HOME TEAM may not go ONE UP in the bottom of the last inning.
- If it is discovered that a team has thrown a game for any reason, but especially for the purpose of placing in a lower division in the round robin, that team will be awarded the win by either the plate umpire or the tournament organizer

**\*\* ALL RULES NOT STATED IN THE ABOVE, WE WILL USE THE NSA RULEBOOK \*\***  
**MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN!!!**

THE NSA CANADA TEAM

