

Beantown Softball League

Minuteman Classic 2018 Tournament Rules

There will be a managers meeting held during Registration Night, however, all teams are expected to know and comply with all USA Softball rules and modifications outlined in these tournament rules. By completing registration, all registered players and non-players are in agreement. Direct your questions regarding the rules to the Tournament Director, Christopher Atwood, chrisa@minutemanclassic.com.

The Tournament will use USA Softball rules to govern Tournament play with these exceptions and points of emphasis.

1. **Eligibility:**

- a. Teams are under no obligation to have any percentage of male or female players.
- b. The umpire shall determine what jewelry is allowable on the playing field.
- c. The only uniform requirement is that all players wear team uniform shirts that are alike in color and style, possessing unique and visible numbers. There are no hat requirements. Outer garments required due to medical reason or inclement weather will be allowed with agreement from the opposing manager.
- d. A player with prosthesis may use a wooden bat.
- e. This League will adhere to the American Disabilities Act of July 25, 1990 as outlined by USA Softball.

2. **Registration:** All players, coaches, and managers must register by checking in with a valid form of identification and signing the tournament release form (i.e. registration book) prior to stepping on the field. No one is allowed on the field or in the dugouts (including score keepers, fans, etc.) without first signing the tournament release form.

- a. Playing an unregistered player in any game will result in **forfeit** of the game and the unregistered player will be disqualified from continuing to play in the remainder of the tournament.
- b. The registration book with the official team roster will be available at the Registration Party on Friday, and at fields on Saturday and Sunday approximately 1 hour prior to the first scheduled game.

3. **Playing Rules:**

- a. Pitching Arc: The pitching arc is a minimum of 6 ft. and a maximum of 12 ft.
- b. Home team
 - i. Round Robin: A double coin toss at the pre-game conference with the Umpire will determine the home team.

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- ii. Double Elimination: the higher seed will be the home team for all games until the Championship game
 - iii. Championship game: the Winner's bracket team will be the home team
 - iv. "If" game: Double coin toss at the pre-game conference will determine the home team.
- c. Time Limit
- i. Pool Play: The game will end after 45 minutes has expired. Any play in progress will complete. Tie scores are allowed.
 - ii. Double Elimination: No new inning shall begin after 50 minutes unless the game is tied (see rule k below).
 - iii. The Umpire will begin the game clock at the conclusion of the pre-game meeting.
 - iv. There is NO TIME BREAK between games, so PLEASE leave and enter the team bench area quickly!
 - v. Championship and "If" games: no time limit.
- d. The batter will start with a 1-ball 1-strike count for all games.
- e. No courtesy foul.
- f. Up to 2 extra hitters are permitted in the batting order.
- g. The official scorebook of the game will be that of the designated home team.
- h. Each team's scorekeeper will verify the number of runs scored with the umpire after each half inning.
- i. Forfeit Time is Game Time: A team not able to field at least nine (9) players at the game scheduled start time will forfeit that game; extenuating circumstances (playing on a different field, for example) will be taken into consideration. A forfeit may affect participation in remaining tournament games at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- j. If a 10th player arrives during the game they may join the game but he/she must have been listed on the line-up card provided to the umpire before the start of the game. The 10th position will be an out in the lineup until the position is filled.
- k. Courtesy Runners:
- i. Each team may use one courtesy runner per inning who may be ANY player on the line-up card.
 - ii. If a courtesy runner is on base when their turn at bat comes - the player who is being run for will be called out. The courtesy runner will be removed from the base and take their turn at bat.
 - iii. A second courtesy runner or a substitute is not allowed.
 - iv. A player needing a courtesy runner must take the replacement at the last base reached safely after their at-bat and before the first pitch to the next batter.

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- a. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated.** This meeting serves as your first warning. Umpires will not be required to give another warning before ejecting a player.
- b. The Tournament Director may make any changes to rules and/or the schedule in order to complete or revise the tournament because of weather conditions or other uncontrollable factors.
- c. Inclement weather is not just cause for refund of the entry fee. We will do everything possible to ensure all games will be played as scheduled.

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