

Welcome to the 31st Annual Cambridge Softball Classic

@ Sandquist Family Park

34264 Naples St NE Cambridge, MN

Points of Emphasis & Tournament Playing Rules

- The **Manager/Coach** of a team is the person who registered/enters the team prior to the tournament, advises their team of special Park rules, playing rules, etc. **The Manager/Coach of the specific game** is the person who takes the coin flip and meets the opposing Manager/Coach and game umpire, prior to the scheduled game. This meeting could possibly be off the ballfield a few minutes prior to the game. The **Manager/Coach of the game** is the only person the umpire will talk to on Rule Interpretations, **and of course, not on judgement calls.**
- Pre-game hitting: Just North of the main complex, on the football/la crosse fields.
- **NO CARRY ONS Allowed!!** Water, medical supplies, coffee, are allowed to be brought in. We have a full-service concession stand with Pepsi products, Giant Seeds, ice cream, chips, hot foods/pizza. **We do appreciate your business!**
- **No Parking** on the grass, Naples St, Jamestown St, on the entrance road off of Naples St, or down by the red sheds and silo.
- A golf cart is available for elderly, injured, or handicap shuttles.
- We will have a beer tent in the middle of the complex. **With insurance and license restrictions NO ALCOHOL may be brought into the complex, and absolutely no alcohol consumption in the 4 parking lots adjacent to the complex.** Alcohol and beer purchased at our facility must be consumed within the complex/ballfields!
- We accept credit cards and will have an ATM onsite.
- Photographers who intend to **sell team and individual photo packages to teams and players must advise Duke at 612-702-8183.**
- Check in is required at least ½ hour prior to your game with **Duke** or **Stacie Verdick (Silver's Wife)**. We will have a "swag bag" with a copy of the rules, a scorebook, flyers, coupons for area business's, etc. **The team manager will be given a check in slip to give to the umpire.**
- Apparel and Equipment vendors, along with DJ Emmitt will be present at the tournament. Also, Cierra with Heavenly Chaos will be here with photo packages.
- A "**Sporting Behavior**" document will be included with the rule package.

- A Roster is mandatory for the “E” Men’s Division. It can be a USA Roster, USSSA Roster, or MSF/NSF Roster. We require a copy and will have blank rosters available. We will use all available sanctioning body classifications to confirm the roster is an “E” Roster, limited to 4 USA/USSSA, with 1 D+ USA, or D Elite player as 1 of the 4. MSF/NSF classifies by team recent history.
- Dogs and other pets are allowed in the complex, but they must be on a leash. They are NEVER allowed on the fields.

PLAYING RULES

GAMES

- 3-2 Ball Strike Count with no courtesy foul.
- Players may play on only 1 team, whether still in the tournament or eliminated. If a player is caught playing on another team and is appealed by the opponent before the game is final, the team using the illegal player will forfeit, with the score being recorded 7-0, that does not count in run totals.
- Men will play in the Men’s Division. Women will play in the Women’s Division.
- Forfeit Time is 10 minutes on a team’s 1st game of the tournament. Forfeit Time on succeeding games is Game Time.
- No vaping, smoking, or consumption of alcohol is allowed in the dugout or on the playing fields. **Penalty: 1. Bench Warning 2. Forfeit.**
- Coin Flips will determine Visitor/Home on ALL GAMES. The Umpire-in-Chief or Umpire **may do an off the field meeting/coin flip** if the current or previous game is running behind. **Games may start up to 20 minutes early, only if both managers agree.** The Manager who takes the flip is the manager for the game.
- The Casual Profanity/Family Atmosphere rule will be in effect. (see Sporting Behavior Document).
- The Infectious Disease Rule will be enforced.
- **Age Limit: A boy who turns 15 in the 2026 calendar year** is eligible to play in the Men’s Division. **A girl who turns 13 in the 2026 calendar year** is eligible to play in the Women’s Division. A parent or parental guardian document must be signed for all **player under 17 years of age or younger.**
- Run Ahead Rule: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings.
- Games are scheduled 1 hour and 5 minutes apart. We will institute a time limit. **NO NEW** Inning will start after **70 minutes**. We need to hustle in and out and be prepared to play at game time! Umpire will record the **start time after the last warm up pitch and advise the managers of a possible last inning.** This 70-minute time limit will not be in effect in the undefeated games, forward in the Men’s Tier 1,

Women's Platinum, Women's Gold, Men's Silver/Men's Silver Shootout Championship, and Men's "E" Bronze Championship.

- Please, please respect the Grounds Crew prior to your game, so they can groom the infield for you!
- Teams may bat up to 13. Lineup cards are not required but teams are urged to keep a very meticulous scorebook. The minimum number of players in the lineup is 9. Teams are not allowed to play with 8 as a forfeit will occur and be recorded as 7-0. Forfeits are recorded in Win/Loss but not the run totals. If a player must suddenly leave the game or is injured the team can condense to 9 without penalty. However, if an **unsportsmanlike conduct ejection occurs**, the team must have a **valid substitute or an out will occur in the ejected player's spot**. Teams are not allowed to have a player or players that only play defense.
- The Tournament Director, UIC, and Staff reserve the right to change the structure of the tournament due to time constraints, darkness, or inclement weather. If the tournament is delayed, and needs to get back on schedule, the TD and UIC may institute a 50-minute time limit, 2-1 count with no courtesy, and/or 5 inning games. This could be any combination of the Above, until the tournament gets caught up. Once again, CIASA will do everything structurally possible to ensure a reasonable playing schedule for all teams. It is not possible to facilitate an approximate 52 team tournament with ultimately 6 divisions, and give every team a Saturday draw of 10:00, 2:00, 5:00, with the championship at 7:00. Yes, you can do that in an 8 or 16 team double elimination tournament. Therefore, we will do everything possible with schedules. "Chopping or Splitting" during the Championship or "IF" game has been way too common recently. It creates a difficult situation with travel expenses, all tournament teams, sportsmanship awards, etc. Fans have waited for the chip and "if" game or may just come for that. Please consider your decision and see the TD and UIC before the scheduled game. Very sincerely, this creates more dissension than the average player realizes. There are situations where it could be necessary. It is a decision we do not look to make.
 - 1. Keep the 3rd Place Team around prior to the Championship, and they would swap places with the team going to the Championship regardless if it is the **winner bracket entry or loser bracket advancing team. If in a single elimination tournament without an "If" game or the "If" game in a double elimination situation.**
 - 2. **An administration fee of \$150.00 will be deducted from the travel expenses/payouts, for potentially 50-100 players and spectators who will exit the complex.**

- The only softball in play will be the **A.D. STARR Tattoo 52/300 Synthetic**. The defensive pitcher will receive the ball from the offensive team. In the Men's Division, if teams have the exact ball, please bring them. We will have several dozen for sale at the tournament check-in, or during the tournament for **\$6.00 per ball or \$70.00 per dozen**. In the **Women's Division we will provide the balls**, which the offense will throw into the opposing pitcher. Once again, if Women's Teams have the exact softball mentioned they may use them. **Penalty for any ball used other than the A.D. STARR Tattoo 52/300 Synthetic:** If appealed by the defense to the Umpire prior to the **next pitch, the inning thus far will be erased and complete**, whether 0, 1, or 2 outs and the team will restart the following inning exactly from where they began the prior inning. If it occurs in the **last inning of the game, the game will be complete and final**. It is suggested that teams leave any other brand, Cor/Compression game ball in their vehicle.
- No games will end in a tie. A legal game is defined as 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead in the bottom of the 4th. If the game is abruptly halted and has not reached the 70-minute time limit, run rule, or a condensed darkness/weather modification, it will be completed in its entirety from its exact spot, when time allows.

Other Batting/Running/Pitching

- **No metal cleats.** Penalty: Remove the cleats.
- If caps or visors are worn, the **bill must be forward**.
- Do not abuse the "players/on deck batters" out of the dugout location. If the game umpire feels it is excessive, please correct it. Remember, it will affect your team if an in-play ball contacts one of your players or impedes the defense from completing a play.
- We will use a 6' 12' pitching arc.
- A pitcher may use the 6' step-back rule, as long as 1 or both feet are partially on the ground within the perceptual width of the pitching plate up to 6 feet back.
- Home Run's – A recorded Home Run is defined as follows: A fly ball that clears the outfield fence or hits the foul pole above the fence, in-between the 2 foul poles without being touched by the outfielder. A 4 base error is when the defense touches the ball in the umpire's judgement. 4 base errors are not recorded in HR totals. An "inside the park" home run is also not recorded in the HR totals. In the final run totals of the Women's Divisional Pool Play and the Men's E Divisional Pool Play, or for the exact final score of any other game, a walk off home run will be totaled with all runs scored. A walk off base hit, a run scored on a walk or error, only the 1st run will count in the total.

Home Run Limits

Men's Tier 1 – 7

Men's Silver Shootout – 5

Men's Silver – 4

Men's E Bronze Divisional Play – 3

Men's E Bronze Championship Bracket – 3

Men's E Bronze Consolation Brackets – 1

Women's Divisional Pool Play – 4

Women's Platinum Bracket – 4

Women's Gold Bracket – 2

- Courtesy Runner – The Pitcher of Record will always have the option to have a courtesy runner. Teams are allowed to have 1 additional non-pitcher courtesy runner. If the pitcher and a non-pitcher have a courtesy runner, it is illegal to have the same runner. If the team bats around, the same batters can have a courtesy runner, which does not need to be the same non-pitcher or pitcher (of record), batter and does not need to be the same runner. Once again, the courtesy runner who may be anybody on the team, in or out of the batting lineup, but they cannot run more than once per ½ inning, unless the team bats around. If a courtesy runner is on base when their time at bat comes up, they are ruled out on the bases but may take their turn at bat. If this occurs, and the player is in the lineup – a substitution is not allowed, unless prior to the previous batter.
- Bats – Please follow USA softball criteria
- If not included in any modified rules specific to this Registered Invitational Tournament, we will refer to MSF/NSF softball guidelines or possibly USA guidelines if needed.

We have attempted to cover all adult softball specific situations and rules/regulations.

Thank you from the Cambridge-Isanti Area Softball Association, the Minnesota Sports Federation, and the City of Cambridge, for entering and visiting. We hope everyone has a great time!