

RULES

Dear Coaches / Managers;

South Hill Sports is pleased to host your team in the 10th Annual Vancouver Challenge Tournament now to be known as the **Bob Law Memorial Challenge**, to be held at South Memorial Park in Vancouver from July 23-25.

Please find enclosed the detailed information and tournament rules for the event. This year we will be using a format of **2 pools 1 with 4 teams; the other with 3** - complete round robin within each pool. **Top 3 teams in each division qualify for playoffs. 4th place in Blue pool will be eliminated.** 1st place in each pool receives a double life in the playoffs, 2nd and 3rd in each pool receive a single life.

All games are to be played at South Memorial Park in Vancouver, located at 5950 Prince Albert Street (41st Avenue East - between Knight and Fraser Streets).

PLEASE REVIEW the enclosed tournament rules, paying particular attention to numbers 9 thru 18 as they will have relevancy to all your tournament games. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in keeping the scheduled games on time. As you can appreciate we have a large number of games to complete, and wish to avoid any unnecessary delays.

* All International Softball Congress (ISC) rules will be in effect, unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the tournament committee. We are looking forward to an excellent event, that will showcase the great game of Mens FP.

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Event Profile

1. Event: 2011 Bob Law Memorial Challenge
2. Dates: July 22, 23 & 24, 2011
3. Hosts: South Hill Sports Association
4. Class: Mens Open
5. Location: South Memorial Park (The Hill)

41 Avenue East - between Fraser & Knight Streets

6. Tournament Committee:

Craig Donaldson
Dan Young - UIC
Dave Cummings

7. Prize Money:

Champions - \$1,200
Runner Up - \$800
3rd Place - \$400

8. Awards: Team Award for Champions
Individual MVP Award
Individual Top Hitter Award
Individual Top Pitcher Award

9. International Softball Congress (ISC) rules will be used in all games, unless otherwise noted.

10. Worth K Master 120 Fastpitch Cork Softball will be used in all games. Please note circumstances beyond the tournament committee's control may result in a substitute ball having to be implemented.

11. All game times are Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). A 15 minute grace period will be allowed before a game is forfeited for failure to take the field.

12. We ask for your cooperation by submitting your line up card to the press box at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for each game. In the round robin games, home team will be determined by a coin toss. In the playoffs the higher seeded team (based upon the round robin) will be automatically designated the home team. The only exception being when the two 1st place finishers from the round robin face each other a coin toss will determine the home team.

13. No infield practices will be permitted prior to the start of each game.

14. Round robin games WILL HAVE A TIME LIMIT - no new inning will commence after 1 hour 45 minutes from the initial pitch. A new inning is deemed to commence immediately after the last out has been made in the preceding inning. In the round robin, if a game is tied after the completion of 7 innings or the time has elapsed, the game will be recorded as a tie. No time limit will be in effect for the playoffs, and the international tiebreaker rule will not be used in the playoffs until 9 innings have been completed.

15. A ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 innings of play, as well as a seven (7) run mercy rule after 5 innings of play in the round robin and playoffs.

16. Each team will be able to list a maximum of 18 players on the line up card for their initial game of the tournament. The players listed will be the only individuals permitted to compete on behalf of the respective team for the duration of the event.

17. The following criteria will be used in seeding the teams at the conclusion of the modified round robin:

(a) points

(b) head to head competition if applicable

(c) overall plus / minus (note: maximum run differential per game is 7)

(d) overall fewest runs allowed

(e) overall greater number of runs scored

** overall includes all round robin games played.

(f) in the event that listed criteria a - e, does not resolve the tie, then a coin toss will be conducted.

18. Protests / Ejections

When a protest is launched, play will be halted and the 2 team managers concerned, along with the umpires, will meet with a member of the tournament committee to review the matter. A ruling on the matter will be subsequently issued by the member of the tournament committee. This ruling will be final with regards to the tournament.

Any team member who conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner on or off the playing field, or causes incident or action unfavourable to the event may be removed for a period of time at the discretion of the tournament committee.

19. Complete uniforms are required for all players and base coaches. Players, coaches, managers, team trainer, team statistician and bat boy are the only personnel permitted in the dugouts.

20. No entry fees will be refunded, unless the event is completely rained out. The final game must be played for the prize money to be awarded, with the exception being the fields are declared unplayable due to inclement weather or conditions.

21. In the case, where a situation is not covered by the stated rules / guidelines, the tournament committee shall render a decision that will prevail.