

2014 FPSL Fastpitch Canberra Skins

"Australia's Original Fastpitch Skins Tournament"

Hawker International Softball Centre,
Walhallow St, Hawker, ACT 2614

Friday 5th, Saturday 6^h and Sunday 7th December 2014

The Fastpitch Softball League ACT, in conjunction with the Softball Australia Ltd and Softball ACT, is again conducting its 26 consecutive year of Australia's most challenging Skins Tournament: the Fastpitch Canberra Skins, at the Hawker International Softball Centre in Canberra commencing **Friday 5th December through Sunday afternoon 7th December 2014.**

Skins Format

The 2014 Skins will cater for up to (12) x A Grade teams and (12) x B Grade teams. Each team will play at least six games in the Round Robin competition.

Registrations

For all teams registration fees will be;

- A grade; \$1050
- B grade; \$750
- Deposit for Team registration of \$300 non refundable (Addressed to FPSL) closes **1st November 2014** and should be forwarded to PO Box 534 Kippax ACT 2615.

The balance of fees must be in no later than **15th November 2014**. No cheque payments will be accepted past **15th November 2014**.

All EFT payments to FPSL Westpac BSB number 032733 Account 138521 must include Team name as a deposit reference.

- Team names and officials to be confirmed by **15th November 2014**.

Tournament Entry

A small fee will be charged for entry to the Skins Tournament. A notice showing entry amounts (maximum to be \$35 for family passes for the three days of the Tournament) will be posted at each entrance to the Hawker enclosed area. **Only players and team officials listed on team registration form will not be charged an entry fee.**

Entry Fees:

1 day adult pass - \$10

3 day adult pass - \$20

1 day family pass - \$15

3 day family pass - \$35

All children under 17 free

Evening pass \$5.00 for Adult

Evening pass \$10.00 for Family

Concession daily \$5.00

Prizemoney

A Grade

A single Round Robin tournament will be played aiming at each team playing a minimum of five games. The tournament will consist of a Skins format with prize money awarded on the following basis:

Round Robin

1. **Prizes for all categories are only awarded for completed innings.**

- \$50 to the team winning each innings. If not won will jackpot to next innings, if tied at end of game will be split between both teams.
- \$60 to the team winning the game. If tied at end of game will be split between both teams.
- \$200 to the team with the most runners reaching 1st base for the round robin but not including finals. Ties will be evenly split.
- \$400 to the team with the most home runs. Ties will be evenly split.

Finals

The top team in each pool earning the highest prize money during the Round Robin games will contest the Grand Final. Should the moneys be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder. If teams are still tied the Team with most runs for will finish higher.

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

- \$500 to the team winning the game.
- Innings won increases from \$50 to \$100 per innings, if not won will jackpot to next innings, if tied at end of game will be split between both teams.

B Grade

Teams will play a standard Round Robin tournament. Points will be awarded for a win and a loss (3pts for a win, 2 pt for a tie, 1 pt for loss and no pts for a forfeit).

Prize money for B Grade will be:

- 1st - \$1500
- 2nd - \$750
- 3rd - \$250 only applies if 6 teams or more
- \$100 to each Pitcher who pitches a no hitter for the entire game. Money to be split evenly in the event of a tie. **Note:** this does not apply to visiting international teams.
- \$100 for player with most home runs. Money to be split evenly if there is a tie.

Note: Prize money for B grade is based on a minimum of 8 teams.

Accommodation

Special accommodation arrangements have been made with one of the tournament sponsors – Belconnen Way Motel & Serviced Apartments. They can be contacted on (02) 6254 22 22. You must mention you are with Softball.

Flights and Ground Transportation are the responsibility of teams

Competition Arrangements

All arrangements and prize monies may be subject to change, depending on number of teams. The Canberra Skins committee decisions will be final. We require information for programs by **15th November 2014**. **This is why ALL team entries must be confirmed by 1st November 2014.**

Draws

Both the A and B grade draws will be posted on the website once teams are registered. All draws will be final prior to the competition with no late alterations allowed. www.fpsl.act.softball.org.au

FINALS

The Finals will be contested as follows:

A Grade: The two highest money-earning teams will contest the Grand Final. Should the moneys be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder. If still tied the team with most runs for will finish higher.

B Grade: The two teams with the most points will contest the finals. Should the points be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.

If two pools are necessary 10 or 12 teams then top 2 of each division will play 1 v 2 And the winners of each game to play the finals.

Umpires

All A grade and B grade games will have registered umpires in attendance.

Tournament Rules

All Games shall be played under the Official Softball Playing Rules, except where otherwise provided in these rules.

1. A player may only register in one team and must only play in the team for which he is registered
2. Balls will be supplied by the FPSL and are to be returned to the umpire at the completion of each game.
3. The Tournament Committee shall have the right to refuse entry of any person or team without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
4. All games will start and finish according to the fixture draw unless otherwise advised. Games will be timed by the statisticians.
5. First named team will be on 3rd base and field.
6. No protests will be permitted.
7. A Grade competition, the Timing of games shall be the responsibility of the Statistician. Games shall be 1 hour 30 minutes, a new innings will not commence with ten minutes or less remaining in the game, except that once an innings has commenced it must be completed.
8. The B Grade games shall be 1 hour 30 mins. The batter shall complete his turn at bat and the incomplete innings will revert back to the last completed innings when 1 hour 30 minutes has been played.
9. Run Ahead Rule
No Run Ahead Rule applies in the A grade competition, but will be implemented in the B grade competition.
10. Declaration of Innings (A grade only)
The declaration of an innings cannot be used in finals.
An innings cannot be declared until at least 1 run has been scored or 3 outs have been made.
11. Courtesy Runner for the Catcher
Where there are two outs and the catcher is on base, then any player on the team line-up may replace the catcher
12. Designated Runner.
The DR must be known prior the start of the game and their name appears in position eleven or is listed as the first substitute on the bench list.
The DR can only run once in an innings.

13. Hurry up rule will apply. If the batter is not in the batter's box within one minute after the innings is complete, it is a strike on the batter every 10 seconds. If the defensive team (including all nine players) is not on the diamond within one minute, a ball should be called on the batter every 10 seconds.
14. In **A Grade** an Official Scorer will be provided for all games. The score and individual results as indicated by the Official Scorer will be final. The Official scorer will also be responsible for starting and finish times.
15. Scorecards
In the B grade competition the umpire shall return the completed scorecard to the Registrar, which includes the result, number of home runs and if a non-hitter has been pitched recorded on the back of the scorecards.
16. Players, team officials and supporters are not permitted to have alcohol in the dugouts, nor are they permitted to bring their own alcohol into the enclosed grounds.
17. A player or team official ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, or reported by an umpire, shall incur penalties immediately, if the Tournament Committee feels that the ejection was not sufficient penalty, then a tribunal will be convened to hear the case. Such hearing will occur as soon as possible after the completion of the game in which the ejection occurred. The tribunal's decision will be final with no appeals allowed.
18. Wet Weather
In the event of wet weather, the Tournament Committee will make a decision regarding the continuation or resumption of play.

Note: If the game is suspended and 1 hour is played, it will be considered to be a regulation game.
Note: Should a game be washed out then it will be deemed a drawn game.

Finals

A Grade:

- a. Two highest money earning teams will contest the Grand Final. Should the monies be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder. If still tied the team with most runs for will finish higher.
- b. Grand Final will be of 7 innings duration with a 2hr time limit, with the innings in progress to be completed. If the game is drawn then a tiebreaker will be played from the top of the next inning.

B Grade:

- a. Two teams with the most points will contest the finals. Should points be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.
- b. Grand Final will be of 1 hour 45mins duration with no new innings to commence after 1 hour 30mins. If the game is drawn then a tiebreaker will be played from the top of the next inning.

2014 Canberra International Skins Tournament

Teams should note that this is a 3-day event with the draw commencing from **Friday morning**, and presentations expected to conclude by 5 pm Sunday.

All travel arrangements need to be made around this criteria with no exceptions to the draw possible.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the Tournament is rained out the costs of travel and other expenses is the responsibility of the entering team. FPSL is only responsible for Tournament entry fee and therefore would make a decision on full refund or part refund of the entry fee.

Payment of non refundable deposit should be forwarded to the FPSL, P O Box 534 Kippax ACT 2615 by 1st November 2014 or direct deposit Westpac BSB: 032733 Account: 138521.

Any enquires can be directed to Bob Harrow on 0413 276 180 or (02) 6299 8162 or Geoff Tutt on 0414 230 130. Our website is www.fpsl.act.softball.org.au



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