

# 55<sup>th</sup> Seattle Invitational @ Fife

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# 2015 NAFA OPEN World Series

### Tournament Rules

#### **Tournament Rules and Protest Committee:**

Benjie Hedgecock, NAFA Executive Director; Pete Davis, UIC; Ryan Daly, Tournament Administrator.

#### **1-Tournament Rules Order:**

These tournament rules are the first priority in regards to a precedence. The second priority is any decision made by the Tournament Committee in relation to an item not addressed in these exceptions. The Third priority is the NAFA Official Rules of Softball for any item not specifically covered in these rule exceptions and not ruled on by the Tournament Committee.

#### **2- Playing in both Divisions:**

Players are permitted to play in both divisions. Games will not be held to wait for players playing in both division. Players must be listed on both rosters and have Tournament Director Approval.

#### **3- Courtesy runners:**

Only for Pitcher or Catcher- Must be last out or a player on the bench- not in the line-up currently.

#### **4-Uniforms and Equipment:**

All players must be in like uniforms with a number on the jersey. Each player must wear a hat.

#### **5- Bat Rule**

All bats must have an ASA certification stamp & NOT be on the NAFA non-approved bat list. List will be emailed to coaches, and be available at event.

#### **6-Players**

You must have 8 players to start and finish a game or it is a forfeit. If you start with 8 you must take an out in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order.

#### **7-Run Rule:**

The (7) run rule shall apply to all games in the 5th inning and (12) run rule in the third inning.

#### **8-Time Limit:**

No new inning after 1hr 50min; if tied at time limit or if tied after 7 innings game will move to international tie-breaker. Last out of previous inning will start at 2<sup>nd</sup> base with no outs. (There is no Time-Limit for games in the elimination rounds)

### **9-Re-entry:**

Only the starting players including the DB and DS (providing you stay at 10 players), may leave the game and re-enter one time. The Starting players must occupy the same batting position in the lineup. NOTE: Substitutes may not re-enter.

### **10-NAFA DB (Designated Batter) & DS (Defensive Specialist) Rule:**

DB: A player may be listed as a Designated Batter. The DB may bat in any one of the nine spots in the lineup, but must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup card presented to the umpire. If the DB or his substitute(s) enter the game on defense, the DB and DS positions are terminated for the remainder of the game.

DS: When a DB is used, a non-batting player (DS) must be listed in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot in the lineup for defensive purposes only. The DS may enter the game on offense for any one of the nine players listed on the lineup card, but that will terminate the DS for the remainder of the game. The DS will then be locked into that spot in the batting lineup for the remainder of the game. The DB may play defense for any player except the DS, but the DS must stay on the field or they are considered to have left the game.

### **Re-entry Clarification**

The DB and DS as starting players, have a reentry while in the ten-player lineup. If the DB enters the game on defense it is not considered a substitution by the DB, however, if the DS enters the game on offense, the DS shall be considered a substitute and forfeit his ability to re-enter. Explanation: The DB is in one of the original nine batting positions, but the DS is not. If the DS is substituted for while in the DS spot, the DS may reenter into the DS spot or reenter into any spot in the batting order. If the DS reenters into the DS spot they lose the option of substituting later into the batting order as they have already used their reentry substitution. Once a team has gone from the ten-player lineup to nine, they may never go back to ten.

### **11-Ejections and Behavior:**

Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated. The umpire has the choice to warn, or eject a player or team for profanity. If you are ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> inning you are ejected for the remainder of that game. If you are ejected in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or later, you are ejected for the next game as well as the remainder of that game you got ejected in.

### **12-Unannounced/Unreported Substitute:**

If a substitute fails to report, the substitute is legally in the game when: he enters the batter's box and a pitch is thrown or declared (illegal), he replaces a player on base or he takes a defensive position. There is no penalty.

### **Other Pertinent Information:**

- Coaches will be to check in on Friday night or Saturday morning prior to first game at Info Tent.
- Lineup cards are in the Coaches Packets and due to score keeper 15min before game time.
- Balls and additional line-up cards will be issued to pitchers by the score keepers.
- Umpires will conduct a coin toss on the field at coaching meeting prior to game.
- The team at the top of the bracket will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout unless a team is staying for back-to-back games.