



Gasparilla Softball Classic

Florida's Oldest GLBT Softball Event

23RD GASPARILLA SOFTBALL CLASSIC RULES OF PLAY

1. Team line-ups must have at minimum 9 players ready to play at the start of the game. Line-ups are permitted to contain up to 12 players (two extra hitters.) Game time is forfeit time.
2. Tampa does not have a limit to the number of heterosexual players, however players/fans may be ejected for not respecting the lives of others.
3. Players must wear numbered shirts and softball appropriate pants or shorts. Yoga style pants or revealing shorts for men or women are not permitted. Umpires may ask offending players to change into appropriate shorts and shorts/pants.
4. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament may revert to a one-pitch format at the discretion of the Tournament Director or his proxy.
5. One umpire during pool play and two when bracket play begins. Umpires have jurisdiction.
6. The winning teams are responsible for handing in the scorecards to the Field Director(s) at the completion of their games.
7. Games may begin early if previously agreed to by both teams' managers and the umpire.
8. New inning begins when the third out is recorded from the previous inning.
9. **POOL PLAY GAMES ARE 45 MINUTES IN LENGTH AND ARE DROP DEAD. PLAY WILL STOP AT 45 MINUTES AND THE SCORE WILL BE RECORDED.**
10. No new innings will begin after 55 minutes in bracket games. The International tie breaker rule will be used in the event a new inning is required to break a tie in a bracket game. The last recorded out of the previous inning will go to second base. Teams will come to the plate with the same 1/1 count as regular play, playing complete innings until the tie is broken.
11. Games deciding 3rd, 2nd and 1st place will have no time limit. All seven innings will be played. However, the run rule will still be in place. No ratings protests will be permitted in the trophy rounds' as we cannot ensure there will be enough fellow participants remaining at the fields to ensure a fair protest hearing.
12. All pool play games will be a coin toss for home team.
13. Higher seeded team is home team for bracket play as well as trophy rounds.
14. Home run limits are as follows: Two in B, One in C and Zero in D. Anything above these limits will be an inning ending out.
15. Run rules to stop a game: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.
16. One courtesy runner per inning is allowed. The courtesy runner can be any player on your line-up, including subs. If the courtesy runner is on base when they come up in the line-up again it is an out.

17. All legal ASA bats only (as judged by the umpire on the field) and no metal cleats. **ANY PLAYER FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE LEGAL BAT RULE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND THE BAT WILL BE CONFISCATED UNTIL THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.**
18. Batters come to the plate with a 1/1 count and are given a courtesy foul after two strikes.
19. Pitching arc will be 6-12 feet and contact must be maintained with the mound as per ASA rules.
20. At the end of pool play, teams will be seeded by win-loss record
21. A game will stop for any player bleeding. Up to five minutes will be permitted for the player to get properly bandaged. After five minutes have elapsed, a substitution must be made.
22. Artificial noisemakers will not be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to boom boxes, money shakers, horns, cowbells and such other devices. Offending fans (either with offensive comments or noisemakers) will be asked to stop and teams may be subject to forfeit if fans are not kept under control.
23. Umpires have the power to have any offending fans removed from the field. We are here to have fun and play ball!

GAME PROTEST RULES

1. Umpires shall have the authority to rule on any specific point not covered in these rules. Game may be protested for rule interpretations or player rating concerns only.
2. A protest must be declared by the team manager to the umpire before the end of the game. At the time a protest is declared, the Field Coordinator and Tournament Director must be notified.
3. A ruling of the protest will be determined by the protest committee. Such rulings will be final and not subject to appeal. The \$200 protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.