

## **NEW YEAR'S BASH 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES**

- **1ST INNING ONE DO OVER FOR A BATTER PER TEAM THIS INNING. EACH TEAM GETS 4 OUTS IS HOW THIS RULE WORKS. ALL RUNNERS BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION ON DO-OVER.**
- **2ND INNING ALL RUNNERS MUST RUN BASES BACKWARDS. RUNNERS GO TO THIRD BASE FIRST. NO ORANGE BAG IS AVAILABLE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> BASE. REGULAR BAG MUST BE USED IN RUNNING THROUGH BASE ON A BASE HIT.**
- **3RD INNING UNLIMITED HOME RUNS. TEAMS CAN ONLY HIT 3 HOME RUNS (MEN), 2 HOME RUNS (COED) PER GAME (NOT COUNTING ANY HIT IN 3<sup>RD</sup> INNING). IF A TEAM HITS ALL 3 HOME RUNS BEFORE 3<sup>RD</sup> INNING (MEN'S) THEY STILL GET UNLIMITED HOME RUNS IN THE THIRD INNING. ANY HOME RUNS AFTER TOTAL HAS BEEN REACHED (EXCEPT DURING 3<sup>RD</sup> INNING) RESULT IN AN OUT.**
- **4TH INNING DO OVER FOR A BATTER PER TEAM THIS INNING. EACH TEAM GETS 4 OUTS IS HOW THIS RULE WORKS. ALL RUNNERS BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION ON DO-OVER.**
- **5TH INNING ALL GIRL INFIELD/ALL GUY OUTFIELD (CO-ED), MEN'S RULE THIS INNING IS UNLIMITED HEIGHT PITCHING NOTHING IS ILLEGAL OVER 12 FT.**
- **6TH AND 7<sup>TH</sup> INNING NORMAL GILBERT LEAGUE RULES**

## **2017 Fall New Year's Bash Tournament Rules**

Tournament Prizes awarded for First and Second place. Men's/Co-Ed. Additional awards dependent on registration numbers.

Gift cards (cash gift card amount determined by number of teams in each division).

Payment can be made by credit card, cash, cashiers check or money order for the tournament.

Tournament Fee: \$250 plus \$25 ASA Sanction fee (unless already sanctioned for 2017).

A) A special emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship for this tournament. Abusive behavior or language will not be tolerated by players or team spectators and warnings are not guaranteed to be given. Teams are responsible for their fans behavior. Ejected players will be given suspensions up to removal from the tournament. No metal cleats allowed in any division.

B) Any team verified to be playing with illegal non-rostered players can be forfeited at any time due to protest or a roster check by Tournament Officials-all players may be required to check in with tournament staff prior to play. Changes to existing rosters will be allowed only with the approval of the tournament director(s). This tournament is scheduled to be held entirely on Saturday, January 7 beginning at 8am. Tournament divisions and gametimes *may* overlap between Men's and Co-Ed. Typically, the division with the largest amount of teams will begin at 8am and the smaller division will start their games later in the morning or early afternoon.

C) All batters will begin with a 1 and 1 count (one to waste) so we can remain on schedule. Run rule: 20 after 3 innings, 12 after 5 innings. Pitching up to 3 feet behind pitching rubber will be allowed. Courtesy runners will be allowed. One male and one female courtesy runner will be allowed per inning, last out or non player only. A double elimination format will be utilized and a consolation bracket will be added if time allows.

Men's Division -Three home runs per team per game allowed. All home runs hit over this limit will be considered an OUT. No ejection due to home run. Outs are not considered inning ending unless they are the third out. Co-Ed Division - Two home runs per team per game allowed. All home runs hit over this limit will be considered an OUT. No ejection due to home run. Outs are not considered inning ending unless they are the third out.

E) There is a 55 minute or seven inning limit to all games (including Championship), which includes any time lost due to injury or other factors. No new inning will start after 50 minutes. A coin flip will determine home team. Home team is the official scorekeeper. In the event of a tie, a runner (last out) will be placed at second base and the game will continue with 2 outs for an additional inning(s) or until tie is broken. No courtesy runners in extra inning.

F) The Tournament Director and on-site Supervisors have complete authority to spot runs if deemed necessary and to make any changes in the tournament schedule or format as needed at any time.

G) There will be no game protests. All problems will be resolved at the time they occur (before the next pitch) by the Tournament Director or on-site Supervisors, Umpires, or Umpires-in-Chief. All decisions will be final. Any additional tournament rules will be covered in the ASA handbook or the Gilbert Parks and Recreation Adult Softball Handbook.

I) The 2017 New Year's Bash Softball Tournament will allow bats legal for both ASA and/or USSSA play. Senior softball bats are not allowed, or any bat that is not sanctioned for ASA and/or USSSA play. Any player or team suspected of utilizing an illegal or altered bat may be ejected from the tournament. If performance of any bat is an issue during a game, teams will be required to remove bat for the duration of the game/tournament at the direction of tournament director(s).

J) Brackets will be emailed to team managers by 12pm on Friday, January 6, 2017. Thank you!