

## *Seaside Showdown 2018 Rules and Regulations*

### **Teams, Players and Ratings**

- All players/coaches/managers must sign the player roster at registration or at the fields prior to the first game in which they plan to participate. Photo ID will be required to register. No player will be allowed to register after Bracket Play begins.
- 2018 NAGAAA player ratings will be used. Non-NAGAAA players must be rated according to the 2018 NAGAAA 27-point rating system. ALL players will have their ratings verified in the NAGAAA Database. Any players NOT a member of NAGAAA should be designated as so on the roster. Teams will be placed in Divisions according to NAGAAA Division Criteria.
- B Division - All teams rated 175 or below, no players rated over 19.
- C Division - All teams rated 135 or below, no player rated over 14.
- D Division - All teams rated 95 or below, no player rated over 10.
- In the C and D divisions, only 4 non-LGBT players are allowed per team. In the B division, there is no limit to non-LGBT players per team.
- Pool Play Schedules will be emailed to all coaches and posted on the website.

### **Game Rules**

- The tournament will follow 2018 USA Softball rules with the following exceptions/affirmations and use 2018 NAGAAA Player Ratings.

### **General Rules that Apply to Pool Play and Double Elimination**

- Any player found playing without having signed the player roster is subject to suspension and the team will forfeit that game. Any previous games are also subject to forfeiture.
- Game time is forfeit time.
- Forfeit games will be scored 7-0 for seeding purposes.
- Each team is required to completely (including first and last names, jersey numbers and positions) fill out line-up cards and distribute immediately prior to game time.
- Teams may bat a maximum of 12 players, with two of those being an optional DH.
- If a player is listed as a substitution on the line-up, he/she may enter the game in place of another player on the roster at any time. The player leaving may re-enter the game once.
- All bats must currently be approved by USA Softball for play. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Umpires will check before each game.
- There is a double bag at first rule in effect. (safety bag)
- Pitching height will be called according to NAGAAA rules (6' - 12').
- One courtesy runner per inning is allowed. The runner can be anyone on the official line-up cards. If the courtesy runner is on base at the time of their at bat, the original runner must return to the base or the at bat will be ruled an out. **THIS IS NAGAAA.**
- Run Rule is as follows: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- Over the fence home run limits per game are as follows: B Division - 2 per team, C Division - 1 per team, D Division- 0. Any home run above and beyond this limitation will constitute an **INNING-ENDING OUT!**
- All Players must be age 18 or more. The only additional player eligibility criterion is their skill level according to the 2018 NAGAAA Player Ratings.

- Any player ejected from a game is ineligible to play in their team's next game and may be eliminated from tournament play at the discretion of the SSSD Tournament Director.

### **Pool Play**

- A random drawing of teams will determine round robin pool play.
- Pool Play games will have a 50 minute time limit, with no new inning starting after 45 minutes. **PLAY WILL NOT BE DROP DEAD!**
- There is **NO TIME BREAK** between games, so PLEASE leave and enter the dugouts quickly!
- Ties are allowed in Round Robin play.
- All Pool Play games will be played with a **1 - 1** count, with **NO** courtesy foul.
- Home team is randomly determined and listed as first team on schedule. Each team will have at least 1 game as Home, and 1 game as Visitor.
- Records from Pool Play will determine seeding for bracket play. In the case of duplicate win/loss records, run differentials will be used, then head to head competition will be used to break the tie. If, still a tie then total runs scored, then pulled from hat.

### **Double Elimination Bracket Play**

- The higher seed will always be home team, with the exception of the championship game where the winner's bracket champion will be designated home team.
- All double elimination games will have a 55 minute time limit with no new inning starting after 50 minutes, unless the score is tied.
- All double elimination games will be played with a **1 - 1** count and **ONE** courtesy foul.
- Ties will be played out using the International Tie-Breaker Rule. The last out of the previous inning will go to second base. Play will resume with each team getting three outs, the count starting at 1 - 1, playing complete innings until the tie is broken.
- Championship games will follow all rules, but will be played for a full 7 innings.

### **Protests**

- Protest rules apply to the C and D divisions. There will be no protests in the B division.
- Protests on Rules Interpretation must be submitted to the plate umpire prior to the next batter. The game will continue and SSSD Tournament Director and/or MAASA Assistant Commissioner/Competition Coordinator along with the UIC will make a final decision immediately following the game. If a Rules Interpretation protest is upheld, the game will start over at the point of the protest.
- Ratings for all teams will be provided in advance to the Managers.
- Protests on player ratings require a \$150 cash deposit and a completed protest form (found on the website and in your manager's packet), and must be done with the plate umpire at the time of the protest and before the end of the game. \$150 will be refunded if the protest is upheld and forfeited if the protest is denied.
- Protests on player ratings must also be accompanied by \$50 cash per question being protested, in addition to the \$150 deposit. This fee must be submitted to the plate umpire at the time of the protest and before the end of the game.

- The manager of the protested player has the immediate right to yield to the protest. In doing so, the protested player will be eliminated from eligibility for the tournament if their rating exceeds the limit for their team's division or the player's eligibility for that division. The protested team will be assessed a loss, but no further sanctions will be imposed on the team.
- If the protested manager does not yield, SSSD Tournament Director and/or MAASA Assistant Commissioner will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of three people (composed of NAGAAA member city officers and/or managers with no conflict, and the protest umpire) to review the protest. The committee will then reach a decision before each team continues in the tournament. The committee will convene immediately for a maximum of 15 minutes. A majority vote rules.
- If a player is successfully protested but their revised rating does not exceed the limit for their team's division and their revised team rating is still below their divisional limit, the team and player will both be allowed to continue and the protested game's result will stand.
- If a player is successfully protested and that player's revised rating exceeds the limit for their team's division but their revised team rating is still below the divisional limit, that player will not be allowed to continue play. The protested team will be assessed a loss, but no further sanctions will be imposed on the team.
- If a player is successfully protested and their revised rating causes their team's rating to exceed the limit for their division, that team will be assessed a loss and will not be allowed to continue.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated. Umpires will give first warning at game time, and will not be required to give another one before ejecting a player.
- SSSD Tournament Director and/or MAASA Assistant Commissioner reserve the right to make any necessary changes to rules and/or the schedule in order to complete or revise the tournament because of weather conditions or other uncontrollable factors.
- Inclement weather is not just cause for refund of the entry fee. We will do everything possible to ensure all games will be played as scheduled. Should weather occur the website will be updated.
- The City of Virginia Beach and The City of Norfolk will have final decisions on field availability due to weather. Neither SSSD nor MAASA have any say in the matter!