

ALTON LEGION – ANNUAL CO-ED THREE PITCH TOURNAMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2023

1. **The Legion will provide bats.** If you have bats you would like to use, please drop them off at the Legion the Tuesday before the tourney to have them OK'd for use. **No composite bats allowed!**
2. Pitchers must wear a helmet.
3. All generally accepted rules of 3 Pitch will apply in this tournament.
4. **First 12 teams entered with entry fee will be accepted. Entry fees are non-refundable. Times of games are subject to change.**
5. A team representative is to report to the scorekeeper with a team list, no later than one half hour prior to the start of each game.
6. Each team must have a minimum of 3 females on the diamond defensively.
7. All players must bat as well as play defensively (at least 3 innings). No more than 2 male players may bat consecutively. Girls will rotate.
8. A player must have played in the preliminary rounds to be eligible for the playoff games.
9. A player can only be on the roster and play for one team. Any team violating this rule will automatically forfeit their game(s).
10. Regular games will be 50 minutes or 7 innings. Final game will be 7 innings or as required to determine a winner.
11. Mercy Rule – maximum 5 runs per inning to the completion of the fourth inning. Fifth inning and thereafter is open. (Open inning to 10 runs)
12. Home team will be decided by the flip of a coin.
13. Each team will be permitted a 10 minute grace period, after which the game will be forfeited.
14. No infield warm ups after the first inning.
15. No protests will be allowed. All decisions by the umpire are final.
16. A courtesy runner will be allowed for a player that is injured. The courtesy runner will be the last out (males/male and female/female). In the case where the courtesy runner is due to bat, the last out at that point would replace them on base and the game then continues.
17. **No steel cleats – any player wearing metal cleats will forfeit their team's game.**
18. No bunting. No sliding. No lead offs. (All constitute an out)
19. Because every game has a time limit, the umpire can call a forfeit on any team judged to be intentionally delaying a game.
20. You will have one minute to take the field in between innings.
21. First home run hit will be the team designated homerun hitter (1 male & 1 female). Other balls over the fence are "outs".
22. If players start an inning then they must finish it.
23. All players must be 19 years or older, however each team can have 1 18 year old.
24. Scorekeeper will notify the umpire of time and write on score sheet. We ask that players do not bother the scorekeeper during the game. Please designate one person to ask between innings if necessary.
25. No inning to start after 45 minutes.
26. If the game is tied after 50 minutes, another inning must be played to determine a winner.
27. Over intoxication by players, will not be allowed. This rule will be applied at the discretion of the umpire.
28. Pitching screen – the screen may be placed anywhere to suit the pitcher before pitching the ball and during stopped play only. If the batter hits the screen, the first 2 pitches will be strikes and the 3rd will be an out.
29. Each team must supply an umpire for the game immediately following the one they just played - a base ump watching first and second and a home plate ump watching third and home.
30. Infield fly in play.

We ask all players to remember that this is a **FUN** tournament so please **HAVE FUN & ENJOY!**