

FREEDOM MASTER'S PROGRAM

TEAM CLASSIFICATION (DIVISIONS)

**** A players birthday age for that division must occur in the current calendar year to be eligible to play**

Masters 35+ AA (Rec and E Division with 3 Players from the AAA Division)
Masters 35+ AAA (D and C Division with 3 Players from the Major Division)
Masters 40+ AA (Rec and E Division with 3 Players from the AAA Division)
Masters 40+ AAA (D and C Division with 3 Players from the Major Division)
Masters 40+ Major (B and above Players)
Masters 50+ AA (Rec and E Division with 3 Players from the AAA Division)
Masters 50+ AAA (D and C Division with 3 Players from the Major Division)
Masters 50+ Major (B and above Players)

PROTECTIVE HELMET / GEAR – Pitching Helmets are suggested and recommended BUT are not required for Masters Division play in any Division.

PROTECTIVE NET – a Pitching Net “may” be used in all Masters Divisions of play BUT IS NOT REQUIRED. The net must cover at least one half the pitching rubber from left to right.

BATS – All bats used for the Masters Divisions MUST include one or more of these Association Stamps: Freedom Sports Association (FSA), ISA, SSUSA, USA, WSL, NSA, USSSA, ASA OR INATION.

****EXCEPTION: NO SENIOR BATS allowed in 35+ Division play.**

STEALING - The act of a runner attempting to advance during the pitch or after the pitch has reached the plate is considered to be the act of stealing.

- A. After a pitched ball leaves the pitchers hand and hits the ground.
- B. After a pitched ball leaves the pitchers hand and crosses the plate
- C. After a pitched ball leaves the pitchers hand and hits the plate
- D. After a Batter is awarded a base on balls since the ball is live until the batter touches 1st base or Stops Walking to 1st Base.

NOTE: It is a Dead ball, if batter swings and misses, makes a false swing attempt or fouls off the ball.

NOTE: The ball is live, and stealing can occur if it hits home plate.

PITCHING – The ball must be pitched underhand at a slow rate of speed and must arc at least six (6) feet from the ground and may not rise higher than ten (10) feet from the ground.

HOME PLATE and PITCHING MAT – A Pitching Mat (19” x 34.5”) will be provided for the Masters Divisions of play. Pitches that “Hit the Mat” and/or Home Plate will be deemed a strike.

HOME RUNS – ALL Masters Divisions will play with 8 Homeruns. Penalty for additional Homerun is a Single Out.

RUNS – ALL Masters Divisions will play with a maximum OF (5) runs per inning with NO LIMIT on runs in the Last Inning.

FREEDOM RUNNER – ALL Masters Divisions will be allowed to have Unlimited Freedom Runners. Any Player on the Roster may be allowed to run for Any Player on Base.

EQUALIZER – Freedom Sports Directors, State and National Directors reserve the right to equalize any Master's tournament as deemed appropriate. The equalizer will be either 5 runs to start the game or 11 fielders. Example: AAA Division teams will give AA Division teams (5) runs or the AA Division teams will be permitted to use (11) fielders. When large difference in age and or classification of play is combined booth 5 runs AND 11 fielders may be awarded.