

## **N.D. State & Inv. Tournament Instructions to all MSP & WSP Team Managers**

Teams may start with nine (9) players. The tenth position in the batting order will be an automatic out each time that position comes to bat. The tenth player may enter the game at any time that they show up.

**Team Forfeit:** Teams that forfeit as a result of other than ineligible players or acts of suspension under **Article 305 (A)** of the USA Softball Code, shall be allowed to continue in the tournament unless the forfeit was their eliminating loss. All Forfeits count as team loss.

**Uniform Rule:** Follow USA Softball Rule book. Class B/C must wear complete uniform. D & below matching shirts with numbers. Shorts must be like in color for B/C. B/C- Caps and visors may be mixed in color as long as they are the color of the team uniform and **worn properly.**

**Run Ahead Rule:** 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. A/B - 20 after 4 innings & 15 after 5 innings.

**Courtesy Runner:** One courtesy runner per inning. (All Divisions of play) **Coed** – Gender specific.

**Pitching:** 1-1 Count, no courtesy foul.

**Bats:** USA Softball approved bats only. **State Tournaments-** mandatory compression testing at Men's Rec 1 and higher. Random testing in all other divisions.

**Line Up Cards:** Line up cards required listing names of all starters and substitutes.

**No Metal Spikes.**

**Jewelry Rule:** Follow USA Softball Jewelry Rule.

**Protests:** All protests must be settled immediately. No protests on judgment calls.

**Game Time:** Game time is forfeit time.

**State Tmt. Pickup Rule:** Teams may pick-up a maximum of 2 players not to exceed 12 total players. Pick-ups must come from same classification or below from **ND Tournament Rosters only.** State Pick-up form must be signed by league rep or state official and submitted to Tournament Director prior to first game. Pick-up players must wear their own uniform of highest classified team they are picked up from. **(No pickups from League only rosters)**

**No artificial noise makers (boom boxes, music boxes, etc. while game is in progress. Penalty Ejection.**

### **HR's Do Not Run Bases**

**MSP HR Rules** A-Open 10 HR – Excess out  
B -- 6 HR –Excess out  
C -- 4 HR –Excess out  
D – 3 HR –Excess out  
Rec 1 & 2 – 2 HR – Excess out  
Rec 3 - 1 HR – Excess out  
Rec 4 - 0 HR –Excess out

**Invitational Tmt Pickup Rule** -3 Pickup players allowed with maximum of 12 players.

USA Softball of North Dakota Tournament eligible rostered players only. Must wear uniform of highest rated team. **See Sec VII, 3.2 of USA Softball of North Dakota Guide Book** for further information on pickup rule or USA Softball of North Dakota web site. **(No pickup players can come from League only Rosters)**

**HR Masters** 35 – Div 1- 4-HR – Excess out  
35 –Div II – 2 HR – Excess out  
35- Div III – 1 HR – Excess out  
40 – Div 1 – 4 HR – Excess out  
40 – Div II – 2 HR –Excess out

**Co-Ed:** C –Div I - 4 HR –Excess out  
D –Div 2,3,4, --2 HR –Excess out

**WSP:** Open - Unlimited  
C – 4 HR – Excess out  
D – 3 HR –Excess out  
Rec 1 – 2 HR Excess out  
Rec II – 2 HR Excess out  
Rec III –1 HR Excess out

**State Tmt. Time Limit -** **WSP** – 75 Minute time limit on all games.

**MSP** – 75 Minute time limit on all (Rec III & Rec IV) games

**No inning shall start after 75 minutes has elapsed. Exception-Championship Game**

**Game Rules:** No alcoholic beverages or smoking on benches or in playing area during a teams game. No Alcohol Consumption by team personnel during games. **Auto Ejection.**

**Check the board for possible changes in game times and diamonds.**

**Rosters:** Teams must carry their roster and Player carry ID's. Roster checks will be done.

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**Enforcement of all rules are the responsibility of the Tournament Director & UIC**