

# Chance Crawford COED Tournament Rules

## Upper & Lower

- This will be a straight double elimination bracket format.
- In the lineup, we are using a 7:5 or 6:4 men to women ratio in the COED Division
- A team is not allowed to have 3 males in a row at any point in a lineup
- If a team is wanting to use extra players in their lineup. They may bat up to 12 people in a lineup. If they bat 12, there must be 1 male and 1 female as additional. If a team bats 11, the extra player must be a female.
- If a team walks a male with a female on deck, the male will be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> base (must touch 1<sup>st</sup>). The female will hit unless there are 2 outs, then she has the option to walk or hit. Runners on base will only advance if forced.
- The tournament will provide 3 men's softballs and 3 women's softballs. These will be available at Check in only.
- At no time will there be allowed a 5-man infield in the COED tournament.
- Courtesy Runner Rule- Anyone on the roster may be a courtesy runner, but only 1 per inning and 1 for the pitcher. If the pitcher comes up to bat twice in the inning, then they may have a runner run for the pitcher again. If that person who is doing the courtesy running comes up to bat while they are still running, then they are declared automatically out.
- Upper Home Run rule is 4 home runs and 1 up for each game, does not matter if you are a male or female. (This will be used for the first double elimination bracket)
- Lower Home Run rule is 1 for men and 1 for women per game. Any Homerun after that is an out. (This will be used for the lower single elimination bracket)
- No stealing is allowed
- No Metal Cleats
- **Bat Rules:** All bats must have the new USA, NSA, or USSSA stamp on them to be legal for this tournament. (The Miken Ultra II is only approved for senior play and is not allowed in this tournament). If a player puts a ball in play with an illegal bat, he will be ruled out and all base runners must return to the bases they were on prior to that player batting. Also, that player will be ejected for the rest of the game. Also, in any case where a ball is hit and injures a player the bat and ball will be seized and tested to make sure none of the equipment has been altered. In the case of the bat or ball that has been altered then that player faces suspension in USA, NSA, & USSSA for 1 year and we be banned from the Chance Crawford Tournament in the future.
- There will be a 50 minute time limit +1. ITB after the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or time limit will be in effect. The tournament director can change the format at any time throughout the tournament.
- 3 Ball/ 2 Strike Count No Courtesy Foul across all divisions!
- No protests will be allowed on umpire judgment calls.
- Slaughter Rule: 20 after 3 innings; 15 after 4 innings; 10 after 5 innings and above
- Pitching Rule: the 6' minimum and 10ft maximum pitching arch will be used for this tournament. Pitchers must remain in the 6' box. The Pitcher must Toe the Rubber while pitching.
- The home team will be the official book and a coin flip before the game will determine home and visitor throughout the duration of the tournament.
- Any rules not covered here will then follow the USA Softball rule book