

Chance Crawford Tournament Rules

- Chance Crawford tournament rules will be in effect. If the rule is not covered in CCT rules USA Softball official playing rules will be used.
- This tournament is sanctioned through NSA, USSSA, and USA.
- **Any player physically abusing an umpire or tournament official will be suspended immediately**
- **Any player or coach using profanity will be removed from the game immediately without warning. In the event of continued or extreme profanity, manager may also be removed.**
- **No smoking or alcoholic beverages in the dugouts**
- Format of Tournament – Men's Upper – 3 Game Format. Women's Pool Play into Double elimination. Men's 40+ - Pool Play into Single Elimination. Men's D, Men's E and Men's Rec divisions will be 3 game format.
- We as a tournament will provide 4 balls to all teams at Check In. The only balls that can be used for this tournament are a Demarini 52 core 300 compression for ALL DIVISIONS and Women's balls will be Demarini Classic W with exception to the Men's 40 And Over Division. Men's 40+ will use a Demarini 44 core ball.
- Balls will be available for purchase at each location. \$20 for 3, \$40 for 6, \$75 for 12.
- Re-Entry is permitted in all programs as USA Softball rules dictate. Teams must submit roster to tournament director prior to first game
- No stealing will be allowed in any classifications
- No Metal Cleats can be worn by any player in a game.
- All teams are to report to the field at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled games.
- Tournament headquarters will be at Botetourt Sports Complex (540) 992-0011
- Teams may submit a lineup with no more than 12 players in a batting lineup. This is a maximum of 10 defensive players and 2 Extra Players.
- Ejection or Injuries: If a player is ejected or injured during play, then a substitute who is listed on the team's roster (turned in prior to tournament) must be put into place. If no substitute is available, the team will take an out each time that spot comes up in the lineup.
- Speedup Rule: Teams must have an on-deck batter in the circle ready to bat at all times. *No infield practice after first inning. "5 second pitching rule" & "10 second batter's rule" will be strictly enforced
- Forfeit time is 15 minutes for the team's first scheduled game of the day. For all other games the scheduled game time will be forfeit time. Forfeit score: 7-0
- Home team for each game to be decided by coin flip all the way through duration of the tournament.
- **Bat Rules:** All bats must have a USA, NSA, Freedom 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). Senior bats are only allowed in the 40+ division in the Chance Crawford Tournament. If a player from the 40+ Division plays in any other division during this tournament, their senior bat may not be allowed in Chance Crawford play. 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, Freedom & USSSA for 1 year and will be banned from the Chance Crawford Tournament in the future.

- We will have several bat testers on site for this tournament. We will not test bats prior to the tournament, but any team may question a bat before, during or after a game. To question a bat that team must pay \$20 to a tournament director in order to test the bat. If that bat fails the compression test, then the bat is removed from play for the duration of the tournament and the team who posted the \$20 will be given their money back. If that bat passes, then the \$20 goes back to the Chance Crawford Fund.
- Home Run Rules: “Home Run Rules” for Men’s Upper- 6 Home Runs and 1 Up; Men’s Class D- 2 Home Runs, any home runs after 2 will be called an out Men’s Class E -1 Home Run, any after 1 will end that teams half inning. Men’s Rec. - No home runs, a home run will end that team’s half inning. Women’s division- 2 homeruns and 1 up.
- Time Limit Rules: There will be 60 +1 time limit in all Men’s Upper Pool Play Games (**No Pool play in 2023**). When the time limit occurs, the inning will continue until completed and the team winning will be declared the winner. If there is a tie, then the teams will continue playing until a winner is declared. We will implement a 75 minute +1 in Men’s Upper Bracket play.
 - All Divisions outside of Men’s Upper Bracket Play.....There will be a 55-minute +1 time limit with the flip flop rule in.
 - If the home team is down 15 or more after the 3rd inning, we will implement the “flip flop” rule and the home team will turn into the visiting team and will bat again. If they do not make up the difference of 15 or more runs, the game is over.
 - The Time Limit Rule could change if potential weather is coming in or if the tournament is delayed due to weather based on the Tournament Director’s discretion.
- 3 Ball/ 2 Strike Count- No Courtesy Foul across all divisions!
- No protests will be allowed on umpire judgment calls.
- Courtesy Runner Rule- Anyone on the roster may be a courtesy runner, 1 runner per inning and 1 runner 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.
- Extra Innings: If a game goes more than seven innings, then we will move to an ITB.
- All protests must be settled by tournament director & Committee before game can proceed except in case of player eligibility. Players found ineligible will be suspended by the state director. Managers could also be suspended. If the ineligible player is discovered during the game, the offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in standings, and forfeits all awards, sponsor and travel money and berths that would have been awarded at the tournament. If the ineligible player is discovered after the completion of the game but during the tournament the game shall stand as played. However, the offending team is ejected from the tournament and assumes the same penalties as above.
- 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’ Pitchers box while pitching. The Pitcher must Toe the Rubber while pitching.
 - *Note: Men’s Upper will be the only classification to use pump faking
- When no official scorekeeper is present the home team will be the official scorer

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