# **Coaches' Notes – 2024 Pleasant Hill Softball Regional**

#### **Schedule and Medal Games**

#### **Division Breakdown:**

### **Saturday:**

Division 3A/B- 3 teams in the Green Pool, and 3 Teams in the Orange Pool. Each Pool will play a Round robin with the 3 teams in their group. Once group play ends they will be seeded by record, and will play the corresponding team from the other pool in the medal games.

Division 3 C/D- 3 teams in the Yellow Pool, and 3 Teams in the Pink Pool. Each Pool will play a Round robin with the 3 teams in their group. Once group play ends they will be seeded by record, and will play the corresponding team from the other pool in the medal games.

- Division 4A-5 Teams in this division, who will play 4 games each in a round robin format
- Division 4B- 4 Teams in this division, who will play 3 games each in a round robin format.
- Division 4C- 4 Teams in this division, who will play 3 games each in a round robin format.
- Division 5A-4 Teams in this division, who will play 3 games each in a round robin format.
- Division 5B- 4 Teams in this division, who will play 3 games each in a round robin format.

Division 5C- 3 Teams in this division, who will play a Round Robin against each other. The top 2 teams will play a gold medal game at the end of the round robin format.

#### **Coaches & their Responsibilities**

- 1. Coaches shall remain within the designated "coaches' areas" or in the dugout while the game is in progress. Coaches are not allowed on the field during the game. For the issue of safety, coaches must wear closed-toe shoes.
- 2. In Level 4, coaches are allowed to assist players to their positions prior to the start of the inning. However, coaches cannot coach baserunners from the mound.
- 3. If a coach touches a runner while the ball is still in play, that runner will be declared out. Coaches are required to stay within the boundaries of the designated coaches' boxes while their team is batting and in the dugout while their team is on defense.
  - 4. No individuals other than registered athletes and game officials are allowed on the field during competition.

# **Other Notes:**

- 1. Athlete & Coach Code of Conduct will be enforced (athletes or coaches will may be warned once and ejected from the game or entire tournament) No cursing, alcohol or smoking allowed.
- 2. Game times are subject to change- check posted schedules upon your arrival for any updates/adjustments
- 3. Umpires have final call on the field
  - a. Protests are only rule interpretations and implementation issues.
- 4. Copies of line-up cards will be provided at the tournament in your team packet (1 for each game).
  - a. Must give complete score sheets to scorekeeper at your field at least 5 minutes prior to game time.
  - b. Line-up cards will be on triplicate forms. Submit score sheets in-tact, the scorekeepers will review and distribute copies to both teams.
- 5. Water: Igloo coolers in each dugout. Athletes should refill bottles to stay hydrated.
- 6. Shade is somewhat limited teams are allowed to bring pop up tents if preferred.
- 7. There will be a concession stand open during the competition.

#### 8. PARK and SONC RULES

- a. **NO ALCOHOL** No person shall bring into any community park, or possess or consume in any community park, any alcoholic beverage. This includes the picnic and parking lot areas. Any offending individuals are subject to removal from the facility.
- b. DOGS & OTHER PETS **No dogs or other pets are allowed** inside the softball field areas with the exception of service animals. Pets are allowed on leash in the park area outside the softball field areas. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- c. NO SMOKING is allowed on the grounds of Foskett Regional Park.
- d. No BBQ's are allowed inside the park.

## e. No seeds or anything else with shells are allowed in the park.

#### **Rules to Remember**

A regulation game shall consist of:

- -A one-hour time limit (no new inning will start after an hour).
- -A minimum of 3 full innings and maximum of 7 innings (this does not include tie-break situations).
- A minimum of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  innings if the home team is winning and the time limit is reached
- If  $2\frac{1}{2}$  innings have been played and the home team is batting (and winning) the game will end before the completion of the inning at the one-hour time limit.
- 1. Run Limits and Mercy Rule
- There will be a 10-run 7-run rule enforced per inning at all levels.
- Should a team surpass 10 7 runs in their half inning, only 10 7 runs will be counted to its score, regardless of the nature of how any additional runs are scored. (i.e., Team A has scored 6 runs during its current at-bat and a player hits a grand slam (worth 4 runs). Team A's score for that inning will be recorded as 7 (as opposed to 10).)
- If a team is winning by 20 or more runs after 3 full innings the game will end (regardless of time limit).
- 2. Batting & Substitutions
- All Levels will consist of teams using an Open Line-Up. This means that everyone listed on the Softball Scoresheet (Line-Up Card) must bat as part of the batting line-up:
- Levels 2, 3, 4 & 5 If a team starts with 10 players, all 10 must bat. If a team starts with 9 players, all 9 must bat.
- Level 5 only If a team starts with 8 players, all 8 must play.