

# SOFTBALL

WOMEN'S,  
MENS + CO-ED



**DATE:** Friday, July 18 - Sunday July 20

**SITE:** Stewart Park • Bring your own shade • **No Dogs! No Coolers!**

**DEADLINES & FEES:** by July 1 • Early Bird Fees & Guaranteed T-Shirt Deadline

\$300/team

July 2 - July 9 • Late Fees & Registration Closes

\$350/team

July 9 • Roster Change Deadline

- July 9 - Final rosters & signed waivers must be in BSSG office by 5pm.
- Rosters and waivers that are not submitted before July 9th will not be added into the bracket.

## USAS SANCTIONED:

- USAS registration required (additional fee of \$39/team) and available onsite.
- Teams from WY, ID or SD will need to provide a signed USAS Roster by the USAS District or State Commissioner with the mail-in entry form (please pay with separate check made out to USAS) or register onsite.

**PROCESSING FEES:** \$2.95 + 2.5% or \$12/team for paper registration.

**TEAM SIZE:** Minimum 12 - maximum 16 players. Participants **may not** play on two men's teams, two co-ed teams, or two women's teams.

DIVISIONS
Men's Open (3 division - waterfall bracket)
Women's
Co-Ed Open (2 division - waterfall bracket)
Co-Ed Church
Mens 35+

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## T-SHIRT DEADLINE INFO:

- Team captain or representative will pick up t-shirts at Billings Hotel & Convention Center during t-shirt pickup hours.
- Team t-shirt sizes issued will be based on team's roster on July 1.
- All participants registered after July 1 - t-shirt size not guaranteed.



**SCHEDULE:** Be prepared to start play 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 18.

**Rain-Out:** If tournament is canceled before play begins each team will receive T-Shirts & \$70.00 refund (provided entry received before deadline).

**BRACKETS:** Brackets posted **Wednesday, July 16**, at [bigskygames.org/sports/softball](http://bigskygames.org/sports/softball)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Residents of MONTANA, IDAHO, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, and WYOMING are allowed to participate.

**SPECIAL INFO:** RULES GOVERNED BY USA SOFTBALL & MONTANA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. A minimum of six registered teams required by July 9 for each division. BSSG reserves the right to cancel or combine divisions that do not fill the 6-team limit.

## **SOFTBALL RULES**

### General Rules

- No new inning will be started after one hour and 10 minutes of play.
- Three (3) warm-up pitches at the beginning of the game and none thereafter.
- Game time is forfeit time.
- Lineups need to be turned in 10 minutes PRIOR TO GAME TIME.
- Players who play on two teams (ex: one men's team and one co-ed team) must decide which team they want to play on. BE AWARE THAT NO GAME WILL BE DELAYED DUE TO PLAYERS WITH CONFLICTS.
  - Conflicts include cases where both teams are playing at the same time.

### Drinking Alcohol

- Drinking by anyone participating in a game during the time that the game is being played will be cause for the game to be forfeited.
- Please refrain from drinking for the one hour or so it takes to play the game. It will help prevent any unnecessary problems.
- No glass containers will be allowed in the parks or complexes. This is for the safety of all the players, children, and spectators using the park.

### Profanity

- The profanity rule WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Please be careful not to lose your head or cool.

### Umpire Decisions

- Make sure you check with the umpire before your first game so that your team understands the double-bag rule at first base.
- Each batter will start their series at the plate with a one ball & one strike count.
- Protests must be filed with the Softball Commissioner.

### Equipment

- Bats will be checked for legality.
- NO STEEL CLEATS are allowed for any games. No ifs, ands or buts, period.

### Home Runs

- Home run rule is as follows (All excessive home runs above the allotted total are considered outs in all divisions):
  - Men's Upper - (6)
  - Men's Middle - (4)
  - Men's Lower - (2)
  - Women's - (3)
  - Co-ed Upper - (5)
  - Co-ed Lower - (3)
  - Co-ed Church - (2)
  - Mens 35+ - (3)

(Each team is allowed to buy 2 extra home runs per game for \$5 each. Wristbands are available for 1 person on each team for \$50 for unlimited home runs for the tournament. Once a team chooses the person for the wristband it has to stay on that person for the rest of the tournament. If a team purchases a wristband they must come to the white shed next to

field #1 to pick up the wristband.)

Home Run Derby - \$10 per entry - pay cash on site.

- Mens - Will hit from home plate
  - 1st place receives 75% of purse & gold medal
  - 2nd place receives 25% of purse & silver medal
  - 3rd place receives bronze medal
- Womens - Will hit from 2nd base
  - 1st place receives 75% of purse & gold medal
  - 2nd place receives 25% of purse & silver medal
  - 3rd place receives bronze medal
- Mens 35+ - Allowed to use senior bats
  - 1st place receives 75% of purse & gold medal
  - 2nd place receives 25% of purse & silver medal
  - 3rd place receives bronze medal

(Each person will received 2 minutes per chance. Players are allowed to buy more attempts for the same \$10 fee, if time allows. In case of a tie, the participants will have the option to split the purse or compete in a hit off.)

#### Run Rules

- Run rules are in effect and the games will end if there is a:
  - 20-run difference after the 3rd inning
  - 15-run difference after the 4th inning
  - 12-run difference after the 5th inning

#### Courtesy Runners

- One courtesy runner per inning is allowed in the Men's and Women's divisions. The courtesy runner must be the last out.
- In Co-ed, one courtesy runner per gender per inning is allowed and the courtesy runner must be the last out. If courtesy runner is on base when it is their turn to bat in the lineup, that batter will be an out.
- Pitchers are allowed unlimited courtesy runners that do not count against them. Pitcher runners have to be someone different than the courtesy runner, and the same runner cannot be used multiple times in an inning.

#### Ball Retrieval

- Batting team is responsible for retrieving home runs and foul balls.
- If the umpire runs out of balls, the game will be halted until enough balls are retrieved to allow play to continue.
- Time limits will not be affected by such delays. In other words, the clock will continue to tick and every minute counts.
- Only one new and three used balls will be supplied for the start of each game.
- NO other ball will be thrown or brought into the game.

#### Facility Rules

- NO DOGS in the parks or complexes. This is a city rule and is for the safety of all the players, children, and spectators using the park.
- There is a \$100.00 fine for dogs in the park, please avoid any conflicts, embarrassing moments or fines and keep your dog at home.
- PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES in the dugouts and areas around your team after each game. Be courteous to others by throwing away your trash and cleaning up.
- NO COOLERS, BEER, OR FOOD is to be brought into the park. Our concessionaire's insurance carrier demands that the only beer consumed at Stewart Park is purchased at the concession stand. City regulations also prohibit the consumption of alcohol unless it has a valid permit. This is subject to police enforcement and fines. Please purchase your beer at the concession stand. By doing so we can avoid any conflicts, embarrassing moments

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