
2009 Shaker's Tournament Ground Rules

To all Teams this is a FUN Tournament . Our umpires are only HUMAN!!!

Please keep this in mind. If you think you are going to Yell at them, think twice, because this is a **NO YELLING ALLOWED** Tournament

MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER VOTE: (Man or Woman) (this in memory of Gil Payne #19) voted by team after each game.

MOST VALUEABLE PLAYER (Man or Woman) (this in memory of Barrie Olson #26) voted by team after each game.

MOST SPORTMAN LIKE TEAM: Voted by Umpires

- This is a 7 and 3 tournament, 7 men or less, 3 women or more totalling 10. Except any team with all men over 70 and all women over 55 may play 9 men or less and 2 women or more totalling 11.
- Men 50 (+) years of age (turning 50 in same year permitted)
- Women must already have turned 19 to play in this tournament
- At least 1 woman must be over the age of 35 on the playing field at all times.

Women are allowed to bunt – all regular rules apply.

HOME/VISITOR TEAM:

- Umpire will flip a coin for home team.
- First team at the field can choose dugout.

HOME TEAM:

- Is the official score keeper.
- At the end of each game they will hand in the game score sheet to the umpire.

GAME/TIME LIMIT:

- NO INNING to start after 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- A Game consists of 5, 6 or 7 completed Innings.
- Home team does not get to have last bats if they are winning. So ensure that you choose wisely at the flip.
- 5 run inning max except the last inning.
- 7th inning is the only open inning.

10 RUN MERCY RULE:

Games over after 5, 6, or 7 completed innings, when one team is ahead by 10 runs or more.

NO MAXIMUM BATTERS PER GAME:

A team may bat their entire roster if they so choose.

A WALK IS A WALK, NO EXTRA BASES

HOME RUN RULES

- 1 to 1 home runs allowed.
- You can never be more than one home run up on the other team.
- A home run hit out of turn is a strike.
- If a home run is the third (3rd) strike and is hit out of turn it is treated the same as a foul ball, you are out.
- An inside the park home run is allowed at any time.

COURTESY RUNNER:

- The batter has to at least make it to 1st base to get a courtesy runner.

- Man for a Man/ Lady for Lady
- Unlimited courtesy runners throughout the game.
- Any player on the team can run as long as they are not coming up to bat.
- The courtesy runner can only run once per inning other than for him or herself.

150' RULE FROM HOME PLATE: (When a woman is up to bat)

- Outfielders CANNOT play inside the 150 foot including any rovers.
- As soon as the ball is in contact with the bat by a woman batter the outfielder may play the ball.
- 6 infielders max and all must be in the infield.

RE-ENTRY RULE:

A player may go in at anytime (Offensively or Defensively). Unlimited in the same batting order.

PITCHING RUBBER:

- The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitching RUBBER until the release of the ball.
- The pitcher, the 1st base person and the catcher can use a trapper.

PITCHING MAT/STRIKE ZONE:

- The pitching mat is 21" wide and 36" long and covers the triangular part of the home plate.
- The pitching mat is the strike zone.
- The pitched ball must have a 6' to 12' Arc.

20' COMMITMENT LINE FROM HOME PLATE:

Once the runner touches this line they are committed and can only run home.

FIELDS – All games will be played at Centennial Park.

NO'S = OUTS!!!!!!!

- NO YELLING AT THE UMPIRE
- NO INTERFERENCE
- NO TOUCHING HOME PLATE OR THE STRIKE ZONE MAT.
- NO SLIDING UNLESS YOU ARE GOING BACK TO A BASE.
- NO BATS ALLOWED SAYING MULTIE-WALLED OR TITANIUM BATS OR A BFT RATING HIGHER THEN 1.20. THEY ARE ILLEGAL, OR AS JUDGED BY THE UMPIRES. UMPIRES WILL INSPECT BATS RANDOMLY AND WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS. TEAMS CAN BE DISQUALIFIED FROM TOURNAMENT FOR THEIR USE AS DECIDED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.
- DISQUALIFICATION FOR ANY REASON CONSTITUTES THE FORFIETURE OF YOUR ENTRY FEES.
- NO METAL CLEATS

RUN BY'S

- Players are considered safe when their foot breaks the plane of the bag. The foot does not have to have touched the ground yet.

NSA 55 FOOT RULE applies to the 1st and 3rd base persons on a bunt.

INTERFERENCE: This is a discretion call by the umpire.

- Please, we do not want any players hurt. ***“NO INTERFERENCE”***.
- This is a run by, run through bases tournament.
- If a play is being made at any base the DEFENSIVE PLAYER OWNS that base. Just like the catcher owns home plate.
- All runners should be running the bases to either side depending on where the play is coming from.
- The only base you have to touch is 1st base. The runner must touch the orange bag, if a play is being made to first base.

- 1st base always has to be touched.
- All other bases are run by, if a play is being made. All bases must be touched to advance, if you have run through a base, you must return to the base and retouch it before advancing.
- The Offensive player must always run on the opposite side of the Defensive player and the opposite side of the throw.
- Interference made by a base runner from an outfielder's throw will be an Automatic out/dead ball.
- Interference made by a base runner during a double play will be an automatic double out/dead ball.

NO PHYSICAL &/OR VERBAL INTERFERENCE WILL BE
TOLERATED!!!!!!!!!!

- PHYSICAL INTERFERENCE – Occurs when a player physically interferes with, impedes or confuses a defensive or offensive player while he/she is attempting to make a play.
- VERBAL INTERFERENCE-Occurs when a defensive or offensive player uses Vocal/Verbal actions that interfere with, impedes or confuses a player while he/she is attempting to make a play.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

ALL OTHER RULES NSA