



2019 College Sport Softball Championship

Friday 8 March – Fraser Park

As earlier intimated, this tournament is limited to 8 Boys & 8 Girls teams. Teams playing in the mid-week competition will be given priority entry to this.

Entry Fee:

- No charge to those who played in lead up school weekly competition
- \$30/team for other teams

Entries Close Thursday 28 February

MODIFIED “Speed Up” RULES

Games will have a 1 hour time limit: Teams are asked to be ready at the diamond to start on time.

When time is called, play shall stop. If the game is at the top of an innings the final score shall be taken as that at the end of the last completed innings. If the game is at the bottom of an innings, the game shall continue until the innings is ended or the team at bat goes ahead on runs. The umpire is the sole judge as to when time has lapsed. NB: The new innings starts when the third out is made of the previous innings.

Compulsory 2 down catcher rule

When the team at bat has two down and the catcher is up to bat, they MUST be replaced by a runner if they successfully reach base. The replacement runner shall be the last person in the batter’s box that went out.

If a catcher is the 3rd out of the batting innings, then a reserve player must be used to take the 3 warm up pitches. The warm up catcher MUST use a face mask when catching.

There shall be 3 warm up pitches only and no infield throw around.

Hustle Rule:

If the defensive fielding team or individuals are slow to get on the field, then a ball shall be called on the pitcher on the first batter faced.

If an offensive batter is slow to get into the batter's box, then a strike will be called against them. Teams / players will be given a warning if they are slow to react to an innings change over. If there is no improvement in the "hustle" then the defence and/or offence penalty shall be applied.

Reminder of the International Softball Rule:

After the batter enters the batter's box, they must remain in the batter's box between pitches by keeping at least one foot in the box including while taking signals and practice swings.

UMPIRING

The Hutt Valley and Wellington Softball Associations are committed to providing support for this tournament and will endeavour to get softball people along to assist officiate. However as a 'work day' this may not be overly subscribed and each team will be required to provide an umpire to officiate designated matches. Umpiring duties will be allocated to schools on the draw and it will be schools responsibility to fill these roles – if not win points forfeited.

TOURNAMENT CONTROLLER

Please report to Angie Johnston the Hutt Valley Softball General Manager and Tournament Controller when you arrive at Fraser Park. There is ample space to warm up, but do make sure you don't interfere with any games being played and keep off diamonds.

TOURNAMENT BALL

Teams are to provide an appropriate match ball for each game

DESIGNATED RUNNER

There are no designated runners allowed at this tournament. The use of a Designated Player is acceptable.