



## 2019 OPEN Zone Twilight Softball Competition

Starting Friday 8 Feb to 1 March inclusive  
then

CSW Championship Tournament Day Friday 8 March 2019

### VENUES & TIMES

Games will be played at:

- Haitaitai Park                      Wellington Zone
- Fraser Park                              Hutt Valley Zone

Each game played over a one hour 15 min limit

Girls start 4.30pm & Boys 5.45 pm

Teams from Porirua north can choose to play in the zone most convenient for them

**Entries Close Thursday 31 January - \$25/team and includes entry to the one day tournament.**

### MODIFIED "Speed Up" RULES

Games will have a 1 hour 15 min 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Each team should endeavour to provide an adult to help umpire the game. Umpiring duties will be allocated to schools on the draw and it will be schools responsibility to fill these roles. The Hutt Valley and Wellington Softball Associations are committed to providing support for this competition and will endeavour to get softball people along to venues to assist teams where possible and coach at the schools.

*Optional: Umpires of girl's games may umpire immediately behind the pitching rubber if they choose. They shall avoid and not impede any fielding plays.*

**VENUE COORDINATOR**

Please report to the venue coordinator when you arrive at the park. There is ample space to warm up, but do make sure you don't interfere with any games being played

**ASSISTANCE / QUESTIONS**

The two Softball Associations are endeavouring to align clubs with schools – so if you need some coaching support – call Angela or Kylie as below

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**CSW CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT DAY**

9.30 -3.30 Friday 8 March – Fraser Park

Entries for this close 28 February and will be limited to 8 Boys & 8 Girls teams with priority given to those teams who played in the Friday twilight competition.

Entry to this is free if you played in the twilight competition otherwise \$30/team