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MESA, AZ.



Viewpoint Senior Softball Association Round Robin Tournament Rules

Organization

Two brackets of play will be established for each tournament. The Viewpoint Inviting team(s) for each bracket will invite additional teams to create a five-team bracket. The inviting team(s) will endeavour to invite teams of approximately equal skill level. Each team will play four games within their bracket, two games on each of two days during the three-day tournament.

Rosters

All teams should seek players appropriate to the division or level at which the team plays during the league season. Each team will submit one (1) injury waiver/roster form for the entire tournament. The Waiver/Roster form is set at 16 players. Replacements for illness or injury should be of equivalent skill level, may not be from a higher division or category team, and are subject to prior approval by the inviting team manager and Tournament Director.

Any player playing in a VP Round Robin Tournament may only be rostered on one (1) team during the entire tournament.

Questions by visiting team or inviting team managers should be resolved prior to the tournament date. Violations of the spirit of this standard may result in disqualification from a tournament or disbarment from future Viewpoint events.

All players must be 50 years of age or older before December 31 of the current year.

Fees and Prize Money

The entry fee is \$100 for each team. First place in each pool will be awarded \$125, second \$75, third \$25. In the case of ties, the prize money will be split between the teams tied. IE: two teams tied for first will split the money from first (\$125) and second (\$75), receiving \$100 per team. If three teams tied for third they would split the \$25. Prize money will be available at the conclusion of the final game for each division from the Tournament Director. Disqualification of a team will result in forfeiture of fees and prizes.

Rainout Policy

Teams will be contacted by the inviting team as far in advance as possible. VPSSA has a rainout rebate schedule to calculate refund or placement and prize money.

Administrative Procedures

The Inviting Teams will provide for the participating teams; the Round Robin Tournament Rules, team batting line up form (1 for each game if necessary), injury waiver/roster form, and the tournament schedule.

Tournament entry fees will be collected prior to playing any games.

A completed "team batting lineup" form must be delivered to the Tournament Director as early as possible prior to the team's scheduled game. A Viewpoint "injury waiver" (roster) form must be signed by each player before participating in the tournament and be presented to the Tournament Director before game time. The Waiver/Roster form is set at 16 players. A new injury waiver form, with current date, is required for each Round Robin Tournament played at Viewpoint.

Rules of Play

USA Softball rules will apply unless amended herein.

Game time is for forfeit time.

Each game will be played with a 55-minute clock. After 55 minutes the current inning and one additional open inning will be completed.

Division 4 will play with 65 feet bases; remaining divisions will play at 70 feet.

The defensive player limit is eleven (11). Play may begin or continue with as few as eight (8) players.

A half (1/2) run rule for the visiting team, as determined prior to the game, will be used in the VPSSA tournaments to be applied in the event of a tie at the end of a regulation game. The half (1/2) run does not apply to mercy situations.

Each team will have two (2) home games and two (2) visitor games.

A maximum of five (5) runs will be allowed for each team, each inning, except the final ending, which is unlimited.

The game will be complete if the losing team has played five (5) or more innings and the differential is 12 or more runs at the end of an inning or at the end of a half inning if the home team is ahead.

A "flip-flop" procedure will be used. If the home team is trailing by 8, 9, 10 or 11 runs at the start of the open inning, they become the visiting team until the conclusion of the game.

If a player is not available to bat when scheduled, for any reason other than injury and there is no substitute available, an out will be assessed for each scheduled at bat. If the player is injured the lineup spot may be skipped without penalty, but the bypassed player may not reenter the game.

Each player may run as a courtesy runner only once per inning. Courtesy runners must be in the batting lineup. The courtesy runner must enter the game before the first pitch to the succeeding batter and will be considered in the game when he or she touches any portion of the base occupied by the runner replaced. Effect: A base runner

improperly replaced will be declared out. In the event of an injury, the runner or courtesy runner may be replaced at any time while on the bases. Courtesy runners from home will not be considered.

Seeding Determination

If teams are tied (W/L) head to head competition will determine the seeding. If more than two teams are tied (W/L), run differential for the games played by the tied teams will determine the seeding. Total runs will be determined by last full inning played. If teams remain tied after differential, then head to head completion will determine the seeding.

Balls hit over the extended right field fence.

The area we are referring to runs from the pole in the middle of right field, that is painted red, and goes to the right field foul post and beyond in foul territory. This rule is made to protect Viewpoint residents in the Northpoint pool area.

1. Any ball hit that clears the secondary screen, to the right of that painted post is an OUT.
2. Any player hitting a ball over the screen in the described zone twice in the same tournament or on the same league day will be ejected from the duration of the tournament or league games that day.
3. There will be no substitution allowed for the ejected player in the game in which the second infraction occurs, and each subsequent at bat for the ejected player is an out. That player's team will finish the game with 10 defensive players.
4. Only a previously submitted rostered player/substitute will be allowed to replace the ejected player for subsequent games in the tournament.
5. Any ball hit that clears the secondary home run screen to the right of the painted pole is an OUT. A ball which hits the foul pole or a foul ball above the height of the secondary screen is also an OUT. A ball which hits the secondary home run screen and bounces over the screen is a home run.
6. Any player which hits four balls over the screen in either the fall or winter season is out of the park for the remainder of that season.

Slide Rule

1. There will be no sliding in division 3 and 4.
2. First infraction is an automatic out.
3. Second infraction is an ejection out of the game.
4. Teams may substitute a player.

Only USA/ASA approved bats are to be used.

The effect of entering the batter's box with an unapproved or altered bat is that the batter is out and is disqualified from the game.

The use of bat warmers is allowed.

An expanded plate and strike zone will be used. In the event of a play at home the catcher may contact any portion of the plate, 70-foot base paths will be used at VPSSA tournaments. Gems may be allowed 65-foot base paths by request.

Viewpoint Park Rules

Alcohol policy:

To comply with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, Viewpoint Management cannot allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverages in the public areas of the park, including the softball field, bleachers and surrounding areas.

Dogs at the ballpark

Because the ballpark is under Terrace Green license to serve food, absolutely no pets are allowed in the entire ballpark area and surrounding parking lot. This is especially important around the concession/condiment area.

Please relay this information to all participants to avoid issues. Owners will be asked to leave the area, if non-compliant, security will be called.

Pitcher Protection:

Use of a mask and shin guards is mandatory.

The Viewpoint Senior Softball Association has a mask and a pair of shin guards available for use by participating tournament teams. The Tournament Director will be responsible for provision and return of the equipment.

If either pitcher wants the screen for personal protection/safety they should move behind the screen immediately following the pitch and cannot field the ball. If the pitcher touches the ball, it is a dead ball and the batter will be awarded first base. Once the ball has passed the pitcher/screen the pitcher can engage in play. (Once the ball has been touched by another defensive player.)

The opposing team is not required to use the screen.

The screen will be positioned 3 feet in front of the pitching rubber and must be touching or overlapping an imaginary line from the edge of the pitching rubber to the edge of home plate. A batted ball which strikes the screen before being touched by a defensive player is a dead ball.

February 2022

Women's Supplement to Viewpoint Tournament Rules

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Disqualification of a team will result in forfeiture of fees and prizes.

Sliding - There is no intentional sliding into bases.

Courtesy runners from home allowed.

- Courtesy runner must start from designated start point.
- Courtesy runner from home may only advance to first base, unless extra bases are awarded by the umpire.
- All other on-base runners have no advancement restrictions.
- If runner from home makes a legitimate attempt to advance toward 2nd base, she shall be called out and the ball is dead. All runners must return to their previous base.
- Courtesy runner may only run once per inning.

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**VIEWPOINT INJURY WAIVER/ROSTER FORM
SENIOR SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

TEAM NAME: _____

MANAGER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **DATE:** _____

I, the undersigned team manager, declare that this team meets all the requirements of the Viewpoint Senior Softball Tournament. I acknowledge my responsibility in submitting fees charged to enter the tournament.

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____

“In consideration of the acceptance of my application for entry in the above event and as a member of the team herein below, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereinafter accrue to me, as a result of my participation in said event. This release is intended to discharge in advance, the promoters, sponsors, the officials and any entities (and their respective agents and employees) from and against any and all liability which may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during said activity and that participants in such activity occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and/or property damage as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of said activity, nevertheless, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all the persons or entities mentioned above, who, through negligence or carelessness, might otherwise be liable to me and my heirs or assigns for damages. It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns.”

EACH ROSTER MEMBER MUST READ THE ABOVE AND SIGN BELOW

Please print name	Signature	Please print name	Signature

VP Senior Softball Batter Line-up

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Coach/Phone Number			Manager/Phone Number		
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