

Branson Public Servant Tournament Rules

1. A 7-inning game will be played by NSA standards and rules, except for the modifications in this rule sheet.
2. When the batter comes to the plate, the one-and-one count is in effect. The batter is allowed one courtesy foul.
3. A one-hour time limit is in effect. The clock will be started immediately after the pre-game coin flip. No new inning will be started with 1:00 minute on the clock.
4. The 15-run rule after 3 innings and 10-run rule after 5 innings is in effect.
5. All members of the team must be a **Public Servant (Fire, Police, EMS, Dispatchers, ext.) and can be male or female.** Team members can be from multiple agencies.
6. A 10-minute grace period is allowed before a forfeit is called.
7. Any bats deemed unsafe, dented altered, or illegal in any way will not be allowed. A batter using an illegal bat will be ejected from the game.
8. **New players can play as soon as they sign the team Waiver/Roster. This MUST be done prior to the start of the game.**
9. A player can play on a second team only in a must need basis. Example: if team member/members must leave for duty or another emergency, then their team can pick up an additional player from another team.
10. A player will be ejected for obscene language, repeated arguing and complaining, etc.
11. **Any player or coach who verbally or physically threatens an umpire will be ejected from the game.**
12. No equipment may be left outside the dugout and only the base coaches, batter and on-deck batter may be allowed outside the dugout. **(NO SCATTER RULE)**
13. Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are prohibited on park property.
14. **PROTESTS:** They are to be handled at the exact point of contention.
15. Teams can start, continue and finish a game with 8 players in order to avoid forfeit. An out will not be assessed for the ninth and tenth batters. A forfeit will be assessed for teams with less than 8 players.
16. **Teams must provide their own softballs. They must be a 12" Classic M softball, 40 COR/325 compression.**
17. Two extra hitters (EH) are allowed. Courtesy runners may be used for an injured runner, if the umpire deems the injury serious enough. The courtesy runners may be the player who made the last out. This will not be charged as a substitution.
18. Home Run Limit is 1 home runs per game, any ball hit over the fence (in fair territory, unaided by a defensive player) after the first HR will be ruled out. Teams can purchase as many extra homeruns as desired.