

NOTE: CPFAA Slow-pitch softball contests will be governed by the official rules of the Amateur Softball Association of America (A.S.A.) with the following CPFAA modifications.

1. CPFAA board of directors will implement a home run limit, which will be determined each year depending on the venue and location. Check with the CPFAA web site or the State Director for softball to determine the home run limit for the current year.
2. Game times will be 55 minutes or 7 innings, no inning will begin after 55 minutes. During medal games there will be no time limit, a complete 7 innings will be played for medal games.
3. Mercy rule will be 15+ runs after 3 complete innings or 10+ runs after 5 complete innings. There will be no mercy rule for the Medal games a complete 7 innings will be played.
4. If a team begins with only 8 players they may add players at the bottom of the batting order up until all players in the line-up have batted once. They will not be charged an out in the 9th and 10th positions.
5. When ever a team is playing with only 9 players, an out will be taken when the 10th position in the batting order appears.
6. Teams can only use players on the original roster; all rosters must be finalized prior to the start of the softball tournament. Teams will not be allowed to pick up players from other eliminated teams, nor can they add to their roster due to injuries. All players must meet CPFAA eligibility rules and be able to provide valid Identification.
7. All players in the field (maximum of 10 minimum of 8) must appear in the batting order, defensive changes are unlimited provided that the game is not unduly delayed.
8. Courtesy runners will be allowed for injured players. All courtesy runners must be the last player to have made an out.
9. All players must have their bat inspected and marked prior to stepping into the batters box. Any player getting into the batters box with a bat not inspected and marked will be given a warning (and the bat can not be used until it has been inspected and approved). The second time they will be ejected from the game.
10. Team captains will be held responsible to verify the entire team has checked in at the host hotel and received their participation pass. Each member of the team must check in at the softball venue and show their participation pass. Any team found to have an ineligible player can be ejected from the tournament and the team will not receive any refund of fees.
11. All participants are required to read and agree to the general rules posted on the CPFAA web page. Any player violating the rules or bring disrespect the CPFAA games, their team and Department can be ejected and asked to leave.

Only approved ASA bats will be allowed in CPFAA play;

For ASA NON-Approved bat list as of April 2009 go to the below link:

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/5347892/2009-ASA-Bat-List>

1) The official bat shall be free of burs, dents, cracks, sharp edges, and audible rattles and show no signs of excessive wear. The official bat shall be marked OFFICIAL SOFTBALL by the manufacturer, be no more than 34 inches long nor exceed 38 ounces in weight. The official bat shall not be more than 2.250 inches in diameter at its largest part, including any tolerance expansion. The official bat shall be smooth and round to 0.050 inches in diameter and bear either the ASA 2000 certification mark or the ASA 2004 certification mark as shown below (in the 2010 ASA Rule Book) and must not be listed on the ASA Non Approved Bat List. And

2) Must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA or

3) Must in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA Bat Performance Standard.

Other Bat requirements:

1. The knob shall have a diameter of at least 1.6 inches with no sharp edges. The knob will be permanently attached to the bat and may be taped with safety tape

2. The region of the bat from the knob, not including the knob, to the start of the taper where the diameter increases. The handle will include a safety grip.

3. Covers the handle region of the bat. The safety grip shall not be less than 10 inches and not more than 15 inches. There shall be no exposed metal in the 10 –15 inch area. The safety grip may be a molded finger formed grip as long as it is permanently attached to the bat, or attached with safety tape. Resin, pine tar or spray substances are permissible on the safety grip only. Any tape applied to the safety grip must be a continuous spiral. A bat having a flare or cone shaped grip attached is legal.

4. The transition area between the handle and the barrel. The taper shall have a generally conical shape. It starts where the barrel decreases in size and ends where the handle diameter becomes constant. The taper shall be free of

burs, dents, cracks, sharp edges, and audible rattles and show no signs of excessive wear.

5. The region of the bat from the end of the taper to the end cap, not including the end cap. The barrel region shall be round within 0.050 inches.
6. The cap placed at the barrel end of the bat. The end cap shall be permanently affixed to the bat to prevent alterations to the interior of the bat. It shall be affixed so that it cannot be removed by anyone other than the manufacturer without damaging or destroying the end cap or barrel.
7. The official bat shall not be an altered bat. The distribution of weight and length of the bat shall remain fixed at the time of manufacturing and may not be altered in any way thereafter, except otherwise specifically provided in Rule 3, Section 1 or as specifically approved by the ASA. Inserting material inside the bat, or painting a bat other than the top for identification purposes are examples of altering a bat. Laser marking for ID purposes is not considered an altered bat. Engraving ID marking on the barrel end of a metal bat is considered an altered bat. Approved bats shall not be rolled, shaved or modified to change their characteristics from that produced by the manufacturer and shall be considered an altered bat.