

CAPE COD CHOWDER CUP

Tournament Rules & Procedures

CHECK IN

Team coaches or representatives must report to the Concession Stand at the Bourne High School Varsity Softball Field in Bourne at least 1 HOUR BEFORE GAME TIME OF YOUR FIRST GAME. Teams playing on Friday night may check their team in starting at 5:00 PM. You will also be asked to verify the name of the contact person and contact #.

During check-in:

COACHES WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE

1. Insurance Certificate: All teams must e-mail their insurance certificate (proof of insurance) to the tournament director before the start of the tournament.
2. Proof of Birth for all players; Birth Certificates, ASA ID cards, and adoption papers are acceptable proof of birth.
3. ASA Championship Roster.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Tournament is sanctioned by the USA SOFTBALL MA.
2. Team coaches (head/assistant) are responsible for team parents and fans on their side of the field. All other individuals will be recognized as helpers and must follow the same rules.
3. Any display of poor sportsmanship by players and/or coaches will result in automatic expulsion from that game and at least the next game at the discretion of the tournament director. Any coach being ejected must leave the area of the field immediately.
4. If any team (coaches, managers, or players) is found hitting balls off any fencing at the complex, said team will be disqualified from the competition and may be asked to leave the grounds. Said team will forfeit its remaining games and entry fee. Simple terms, no hitting balls into the fencing. Please report this to all of your girls and coaches.
5. The car carrying the equipment can park in the reserved parking spaces in the parking lot closest to the playing fields if space is available.
6. NO parking in the spaces designated near the concession stand for umpires and team managers with team equipment. Limited handicap parking is available near both fields.
7. There are no bleachers available. Please inform the girls' parents so they may bring their own chairs.
8. **No consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed on the premises.**
9. **Absolutely NO GRILLS or OPEN FIRES. POLICE WILL TAKE NOTICE AND SAID OFFENDERS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS.**
10. **No smoking allowed on the premises.**
11. **RECRUITING OF PLAYERS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED;** any attempts at recruiting of players by coaches and or parents on school grounds will not be tolerated. Offending team will be disqualified from the competition and will be asked to leave the grounds. Said team will forfeit its remaining games and entry fee. BYGS reserves the right to consider any such evidence when determining the eligibility of the offending organization for future tournament play.
12. **INJURIES:** There will be a first aid kit available for minor injuries at the concession stand and near fields. The Bourne Fire Department will be called for serious injuries. Falmouth Hospital along with Tobey Hospital is nearby.

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Game RULES AND PROCEDURES

ASA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. No infield or batting practice is allowed on the playing field.
2. Both teams must submit a lineup card with FIRST & LAST NAMES, & SHIRT NUMBERS to the umpire and opposing team 15 minutes before game time. In the absence of an official scorer, the home team's book is official.
3. Teams have the choice to use a straight 9, a DP/Flex, or 1 or 2 or 3 extra players (EP) per game. EP's can be freely substituted defensively. A team's intention must be declared before the start of the game and properly indicated on the lineup. Once a team decides to use an EP or EP's, they may not be eliminated from the lineup, the team is committed to batting the EP's throughout the game.
4. Score keepers for each team must compare scores after each ½ inning and any disputes are to be settled immediately. The home team's book is the official book for that game.
5. After each game, both teams are responsible for reporting game scores to the Concession Stand at the Bourne High School Varsity Softball Field. Phone numbers to call will be included in the tournament packet.
6. All equipment used must meet ASA guidelines as determined by the Umpire in Charge (UIC).
7. THE GAME OFFICIALS ON THE PLAYING FIELD WILL RESOLVE PROTESTS BEFORE THE GAME WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. THE UIC'S DECISION IS FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE GAME IS COMPLETED.
8. Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual conditions, it will be resumed at the point of suspension. See Rain Policy.
9. Game time is forfeit time for all games if teams do not meet ASA Rules of eligibility.
- 10. Please clean out the dugout after each game.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

ALL teams will play a minimum of four (4) games; Pool Play format on Friday and Saturday, and Single elimination on Sunday. Champions and runners-up will receive trophies.

Qualifying Play (Friday and Saturday)

1. Home Team will be decided in all games by a double coin toss at least 10 minutes prior to game time.
2. No inning shall start after 1 hour 30 minutes from the start time. The umpire will start the clock in each game and notify teams of the start time. Qualifying Play games may end in a tie.

Seeding

The Tournament Staff, based on the following, shall determine the official order of finish in qualifying play:

1. Win/Loss Record.
2. If a tie exists, teams will be ranked:
 - a. According to which team won head to head (if only two teams are tied).
 - b. According to fewest runs allowed in qualifying play.
 - c. According to most runs scored in qualifying play.
 - d. Coin Flip.

Sunday (except for Semis & Finals)

Time limit; No inning to start after 1:30.

Go to international tie-breaker if game tied after time limit, or after 7 innings (whichever comes first).

Higher seed home team on Sunday.

Sunday Semis and Finals

No time limit.

Go to International tie breaker after 7 innings.

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RAIN POLICY/FORMAT

The Tournament Director/Staff reserves the right to adjust the Tournament Format, rules, schedules, brackets, and field locations as needed to complete the tournament at any time due to prolonged delays or severe weather conditions. The tournament director reserves the right to call any game having progressed to the time limit, or to reduce the number of innings for a completed game to try and keep on schedule. Every attempt will be made to honor the game minimum, however, if a situation develops where a team forfeits or the weather does not cooperate the Tournament Director will make an attempt to reschedule games, shorten games, or cancel games in order to complete the tournament in a timely fashion. In the event of rain or any cause, which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped, time permitting. Our ultimate goal is to be fair to all and give everyone the number of games they deserve. However, there may be unforeseen circumstances that make it difficult for the tournament staff to achieve that goal.

1. If a Game is interrupted at the end of an inning, and at least five innings have been completed and time has expired, the game will be declared complete.
2. If a rain interruption occurs during an inning, at least five innings have been completed and time has expired, the game will be declared complete and the score at the end of the previous inning will be the final score.
3. If a rain interruption occurs at any time prior to the completion of five innings, the game will resume at that point and continue until five innings have been played. The game will continue after five innings only if the time limit has not expired.
4. Games subsequent to rain delay will remain at 1 hour and 30 minute time limit. If in the tournament director's opinion all games subsequent to the rain delay should be shortened to 5 innings and/or a 1 hour time limit in order to complete the tournament on time, the games will be shortened.
5. The above rule may be applied to any portion of the tournament. If the tournament returns back to schedule, games may return to the 1 hour and 30 minute time limit. This is all at the discretion of the tournament director.
6. If the rain delay occurs on Sunday and it becomes impossible to complete the tournament, the two highest seeded teams will be declared the winners of the tournament; the winner will be decided:
 - Head to Head competition
 - Win/Loss Record
 - Least Runs Allowed
 - Runs Scored
 - Coin Toss

REFUNDS

If the tournament is shortened due to weather, teams will be entitled to a partial refund based on number of games each team plays. Teams will be notified by e-mail if this occurs. For example, if no games are played the team will be refunded entire fee minus \$50.00; if one game is played, the refund will be 50%; 2 games played, no refund will be made.