



CHRISTADELPHIAN

**Softball**  
**BENEFIT**

# Rules of the Game

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***“let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”***

**I John 3:18**

The following describe the rules:

- All games on Saturday will be played in a round robin style tournament, so every team plays each other.
- Each game will be 45 minutes long. If the game is in the top of an inning, play will continue through the bottom of that inning. At one hour, the game will be final regardless of the score or inning. If the game is in the middle of a batter's up, the game will be final after that batter.
- In the interest of time, there will be no warm-ups in-between innings unless a new pitcher is on the mound.
- Balls & Strikes will be called, the Umpire is the LAW! *(no complaining or whining please)*
- Each batter will start with one ball and one strike.
- The batter is allowed two foul balls. Two foul balls count as one strike and a batter with two strikes will be called out on the second foul ball.
- Batters must follow the same order throughout the whole game.
- If the Ump feels that the pitcher is intentionally stalling the game, a warning will be issued. If it happens again, the batter will automatically take a base.
- Any ball hit into the woods on a fly (at the camp), beyond the drainage ditch is an automatic home run.
- Any ball that rolls or hops into the woods (at the camp), beyond the drainage ditch is a grounds rule double.
- One base can be taken on an overthrow, but it is not automatic.
- No more than four (4) players in the outfield. A total of 10 players on the field, no more.
- Stealing or Leading off a base is not permitted.
- Players older than 50, 15 and younger along with women of any age may use a 'special' bat. All other players are to use the wooden bats provided.
- If any teams have a tied record at the end of the round robin games on Saturday, a 2-inning head to head matchup will commence immediately after the final game to determine which team advances to the championship game (in the event of a 2-inning tie breaking game, teams must stick to the same line-ups as the previous game). Should a tie still exist, run differential will determine which team advances.

***\* We would like to create an atmosphere of solidarity for the families we are supporting. For this reason, we strongly encourage all those not playing to watch all of the games and cheer the players on!***