



2011 Liberty Classic Rules Women's Division

The Liberty Classic will follow ASA and ASANA rules except for the rules listed below:

1. Registration & Rosters:

- a. The Liberty Classic will use the ASANA classification guidelines.
- b. All teams must submit team roster with classification for their players.
- c. Teams must provide an ASA registration card.
- d. Players must register by signing their team's roster prior to appearing on a lineup card.
- e. Any player found playing a game without having signed the player roster would cause their team to forfeit that game. Any previous games will also be subject to forfeiture.
- f. A Photo ID will be required at registration.
- g. There will be no player registration on Sunday.
- h. There will not be a manager's meeting.

2. **Pick Up Players:** Any players picked up must have an ASANA classification. No exceptions.

3. Run Rule:

- a. A game will end, if any team is leading by:
 - i. 20 after 3 innings
 - ii. 15 after 4 innings
 - iii. 10 after 5 innings
- b. This rule is in effect for all games.

4. **Home Team:** Home team for each game will be determined by coin toss.

5. **Official Scorebook:** The official scorebook will be that of the home team. The visiting team is highly encouraged to confirm the score with the home team every $\frac{1}{2}$ inning.

6. **Tie-Breaker:** Ties will stand in all Round Robin games when time has expired.

During elimination play, if the score is tied after the completion of 7 innings of play or when time has expired, the international tie breaker rule shall go into effect. When each team takes offense, the last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base and normal play resumes until the tie is broken.

7. **Forfeit:** Forfeit time is game time. If games are behind schedule then game time will be as soon as the umpire starts the game clock.

If a team is unable to field at least nine (9) eligible players at game time or game start time they will forfeit the game.

8. **Short-Handed:** A team must have at least nine (9) players present to start or continue a game.

If a team is playing short handed and a 10th player arrives, that player can enter the game immediately and must be inserted into the vacant position. Any additional players that arrive will be substitutes.

9. **Courtesy Runner:** A team is allowed one courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner is the last out or, if it is the first inning and there are no outs it's the last batter in the batting line-up. If an injury occurs during a game, a runner will be allowed at the umpire's discretion; otherwise, you need to substitute or keep the injured player in.

- 10. Extra Batters:** Teams can have up to twelve (12) players in their batting line-up.
- 11. Ejected Players:** Any player ejected from a game is ineligible to play in their team's next game at the discretion of the umpire. You must enter a substitute into the game. If no substitute is available then the game will be a forfeit. The UIC will be notified as well as the field representative to determine if further action is required based on the situation.
- 12. Injured Players:** If during the course of a game a player is injured and there is no substitute for that player the 1st time up at bat for the injured player will result in an out. This is for the 1st time up at bat only. Injured batter may not re-enter the game once that out has been taken. In the event that an injury leaves the team with less than 9 players to finish the game the game will be a forfeit and awarded to the opponent.
- 13. Home Run Limits:** Limit of over-the-fence home runs will be used in all divisions. Excess home runs, after the limit, will be an out to the batter, only on fenced fields. The following limitations are per team per game:
- Two (2) "B" Division** – after (2) an out will be assessed.
 - One (1) "C" Division** – after (1) an out will be assessed.
 - Zero (0) "D" Division** – any home run over the fence will be an inning ending out.
- 14. Approved Bats:** All ASA approved bats will be allowed for play in all divisions. Please have your team's bats available for inspection at the registration table. All bats must be checked and stickered prior to each team's first pool play game.

Any bat not approved for game play by either the umpire or inspection table that is found being used will result in the team member being disqualified for the rest of the game. Any bat which is found to have a flat surface, or is cracked, dented, altered from the original manufactured form, or exceeds BPF 1.2 shall be confiscated by the umpire and returned after the team has been eliminated from the tournament.

- 15. Uniforms:** Teams are to have:
- Like colored shirts.
 - A whole number (0-99) of contrasting color at least 6 inches high must be worn and visible on the back of all uniforms.
 - No players on the same team may wear identical numbers (Numbers 0 and 00 or 3 and 03 are examples of identical numbers.)
 - Jewelry may be worn however is discouraged.
- 16. Line-up Cards:** Teams will exchange line-ups at the beginning of each game. Line-ups need to include player's first initial and last name with a jersey number and any substitutes for that game. If a player was not listed on the lineup as a substitute at the beginning of the game they will not be eligible to enter that game, unless the team is playing short handed not due to a player ejection.
- 17. Double Bag Rule and Base Stealing:** The ASA double bag rule is in effect if being used at that field. Defensive players must use the inside bag at 1st base, offensive players must use the outer bag if not continuing to second base. In the event of a wild throw to 1st, both bags are open to both players. In the case of a single bag at 1st base, defensive players must use the inside half of the bag, offensive players the outside half when running through the bag.
- Base stealing is not allowed.
- 18. Eligible Players:** A player is eligible to play in the Liberty Classic Women's Division only if they have signed their team's roster at the registration table prior to the start of their first game. Registration will close prior to double elimination play. Player placement on a team's roster must comply with the division determination rules indicated below.
- No player is allowed to be on more than one team's roster that is playing in the Liberty Classic.
 - All players must be at least 18 years of age.
 - Any player on the current ASANA suspension list or suspended by a league is NOT eligible for play.

- d. Any team using a suspended player will be disqualified from the tournament and all games played will be forfeited.
- e. No fees paid will be returned.

19. Strike Count:

- a. Round Robin and Elimination games will both begin with a 1-1 count with NO foul to give.
- b. Championship games will begin with a 0/0 count with NO foul to give.
- c. Pitching height (arch) will be between 6'-12'.

20. Game Time Limits:

- a. Round Robin
 - i. No new inning will begin after 50 minutes.
 - ii. Games can end in a tie.
- b. Elimination Play
 - i. No new inning will begin after 50 minutes.
 - ii. International run rule if the game is tied
 - iii. Championship and IF games: shall be a full 7 innings, although the run rule is still in effect.

21. Tournament Divisions: All Women's Division players must be classified. Players that do not have established ASANA classifications must be classified prior to participating in the Liberty Classic and that classification submitted on that team's roster. Players that have established ASANA classifications must use their most current classification. All classifications are subject to protest.

- a. **B Division:** May not carry more than 3 A classified players.
- b. **C Division:** May not carry more than 3 B classified players.
- c. **D Division:** May not carry more than 3 C classified players.

21. Protests: There are two kinds of protests that will be allowed:

- a. Player's Eligibility or Classification:
 - i. Only opposing teams can file a protest for a player's eligibility or classification.
 - ii. Protest must be made prior to the end of that game.
 - iii. The protest must be filed with the game umpire.
 - iv. The protest must include the specific player(s) being protested.
 - v. A protest for classification must include the players name, jersey number and league they are representing as well as team name.
 - vi. The cost to file a protest is:
 - 1. \$100 per protest Cash Only.
 - 2. \$125 per protest during elimination games. Cash Only.
 - vii. No protests will be accepted during trophy games.
 - viii. If the protest is up-held the total fees will be returned to the protesting team.
 - ix. All protests will be heard by the established tournament protest committee and that committee's decision will be final.
 - x. If the protest is upheld and the team's classification is found to exceed the limit for the division they are playing in or if a players classification exceeds the limit for a player in that division the protested game will be forfeited.
 - xi. The team can continue to play in the tournament as long as:
 - 1. It wasn't their 2nd loss in elimination play.
 - 2. They have drop the appropriate protested player(s) and/or drop any players that exceed the player classification limit for their division.
- b. Rule interpretation:
 - i. Rule interpretation protests need to be filed with the umpire at the time the ruling comes into question.
 - ii. There is no cost for a rules interpretation protest.
 - iii. The Umpire-in-Chief will resolve all rule interpretation protests.
 - iv. The Umpire-in-Chief's decision is final.
 - v. Judgment calls cannot be protested.

22. Tournament Format: All divisions will play two (2) pool games that will seed them for double elimination play. This format guarantees every team four (4) games.

Seeding for double elimination play will be based on the following:

- a. Won/loss/tie record will be in the following order:
 - i. 2-0-0; 1-0-1; 1-1-0; 0-0-2; 0-1-1; 0-2-0
- b. If there is more than one team with the same record, those teams will be drawn out of a hat for seeding within the group.

23. Specific Field Rules: The umpire will address all rules for each field at the time the line-ups are exchanged.

24. Alcohol or Drug Consumption: No drugs or alcohol is allowed at any of the tournament complexes. Use of illegal drugs or alcohol before, during, or between tournaments games will not be tolerated. Drinking on public fields, bleachers or parking facilities is unlawful. Being impaired during play is a major safety hazard to yourselves and fellow players. Any player deemed impaired in any way **MUST** leave the facility immediately and may be subject to forfeiture of all games.

25. Seeding for Double Elimination: Seeding for the tournament will be posted ASAP after the completion of the last round robin games and will begin elimination games promptly there after. All teams should be ready to play elimination games after the seeding process has been reviewed.

26. Umpires: The Umpire-in-chief for 2011 Liberty Classic, Women's Division, will be Sue Bolander, from California. No player may approach the umpire(s) with questions. If there is a question this must be done by the coach or manager.

27. Special Situations: The Tournament Director, with consultation of the League Women's Director and/or UIC will resolve and have the final say on any situation that may emerge during the tournament that is not covered by these or ASA rules.

Enjoy the tournament, your competitors, have fun and play ball!