## ECC FALL BALL COED RULES:

The umpire's line up card is to be retrieved by the winning team and handed in, or the winning team can text score to the head quarters. 902-471-5563

Home team will be decided by a coin toss, this includes playoffs and DBL life games and finales.
Games start with 1-1 count on batter
Each game has been allocated 60 minute time limits on the schedule. No inning to start with less than 5 minutes remaining in scheduled time. Example at the 55min mark if the game is in an inning that inning will be completed and NEXT inning will become LAST INNING and will be an open inning.

IT IS MANDATORY FOR TEAMS TO BE AT DIAMONDS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR ASSIGNED START TIMES, READY TO PLAY. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO GRACE PERIODS FOR ANY GAME.** This means if your scheduled start time is 10:00AM, you must be at the diamond by 9:30AM and ready to play. If your team is not there and ready to play 30 minutes early, you WILL be considered a late and defaulting game (unless leaving one field to be at another). All teams will have their lineup cards and they should be filled out and ready to go, games will start upto 30 min early.

Males must hit a 12" softball and females have the option to hit 11 " or 12 " once they decide they have to use it for the entire at bat. It is the defensive team's responsibility to ensure that the right ball has been pitched and only the offensive team will be allowed to appeal to the umpire in this regard. If the offensive team uses an appeal the batter will bat again with the proper ball and all runners will return to the base they had before the appeal.

A maximum of ten (10) players are allowed on the field, four (4) of which must be female. Games may NOT begin or end with less than ten (10) players, unless approved by the Tournament Committee.

The batting order must consist of four (4) females and six (6) males. If teams wish to utilize EPs in their batting order, they must have both a male and female EP, bringing the batting order to twelve (12) batters, seven (7) males and five (5) females.

Teams that start a game with EPs must finish the game with them or be penalized as follows: If no legal substitute remains to replace any player or EP who is removed, injured, or ejected from a game, an out will be declared each time that vacated spot comes up to bat. 14 ( 8 men) ( 6 female) is the max allowed. No set line up. (You can bat 4 women then 6 men or 6 men then 4 women)

If a male batter is walked (regardless of intention) when followed by a female batter, the male batter will be awarded second base and the female will have the option of taking first base or to bat.

HOME RUN RULE: MATCH +2 rule is being used. Any home runs hit when the team is maxed will be out.

Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 5
6 RUN INNINGS IS MAX ALLOWED.

Each team must have a male/female pitcher/Catcher combo or Male/Male cannot be female/female
Courtesy runners 3 a game Male for Male and Female for Female. A PITCHER FULLY DRESSED IN PROTECTIVE GEAR (HELMET AND PADS) Above clothing (visible) May use a Pitcher runner at any time male runner for male pitcher and female for female.

In the event an accident to a runner during the course of a game prevents him/her from proceeding to a base to which he/she is entitled, a legal substitution must be made. Courtesy runners are NOT allowed.

PROTEST: Protests will not be considered if the sole issue in contention is a judgment decision made by the umpire. Protests will be received and considered under the following circumstances: Misinterpretation of a rule in the given situation;Failure by an umpire to apply the correct rule in the given situation; or Failure by an umpire to impose the correct penalty for a violation in the given situation. Notification of intent to protest must be made prior to the next pitch after the given situation. There is a protest fee of $\$ 175.00$ cash to be paid at the time of protest to the Tournament Director and/or the umpire for that game.

For additional information on proper procedures for protest, refer to SPN Rule Book. The ECC Committee reserves the right to change game times and tournament format without notice to ensure the safety of the participants and the completion of the tournament.
WALK THE HOME RUN OFF. NO NEED TO RUN BASES.

