



## 2011 CHEROKEE NATIONAL HOLIDAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL SOFTBALL WOMEN FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **ROSTER** limit of fifteen (15) players per team. TEAM CHECK IN and Roster must be turned in and completed before the beginning of their first game. This will be the official roster and **NO ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE ROSTER IS OFFICIAL**. If a player's name is not on the Official Roster after the game has started, the player will not be eligible to play for that team. If the above-mentioned player has played, the game will result in a team forfeit. If a player(s) name is on the Official Roster and they are not able to play their team's first game, then they may check in before their next scheduled game. **ONLY COACHES/UMPIRES ARE ALLOWED TO LOOK AT ROSTERS.**
2. **REGISTRATION** will consist of players signing in and identifying their tribal affiliation. Tournament workers will not view tribal membership cards at this time, so – **ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID and CDIB/TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD ON HAND DURING EACH GAME** (with the exception of the two non-Indians if applicable).
3. Players 17 years of age and under must wear a batting helmet and parent or legal guardian must sign a **CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY** form.
4. **ASA RULES** will apply. For a list of Rules and bats, visit [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com)
5. Be sure to check the **OFFICIAL POSTED BRACKET** for Field and Time Changes.
6. **A GRACE PERIOD** of 15 Minutes will be allowed for each team's first game. After that, game time is forfeit time. The line-up must be given to the Plate Umpire for each game.
7. **MSP-47 CORE BALL** with 375 Compression will be used. Game balls will be furnished.
8. The flip of a coin will determine home team and the **home team** will be responsible for **keeping the official score book** unless an official scorekeeper is available.
9. **TIME-LIMIT:** Each game will be limited to 1:20 minutes (80 minutes). The final game is the exception but the run rule is still in effect (in case of rain, time limit will drop to 1 hour).
10. **RUN-RULE:** Twelve (12) run lead after 3 innings, ten (10) run lead after 4 innings, and eight (8) run lead after 5 innings. **MERCY-RULE** will be twenty (20) run lead.
11. **ALL PROTESTS AND A \$100 CASH PROTEST FEE** will be forwarded to the Tournament Coordinator and Umpire in Charge for ruling. Decision will be final and if the decision is in the agreement of the protesting party, the Protest Fee will be refunded. **PROTEST MUST BE MADE DURING THE GAME.**
12. **UNSPORTSMANSHIPLIKE CONDUCT** will not be tolerated, includes profanity directed at the officials, players, etc. An ejected player or coach must leave the playing area. If the player or coach does not leave, the game will result in a team forfeit.

13. **IF THE TOURNAMENT IS RAINED OUT**, it will be rescheduled for a later date. If a game is started and play is delayed, game will resume where play was delayed. In the event of rain and a game has played for five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a complete game.
14. The Cherokee Nation, Holiday Softball Committee, Sequoyah High School, and volunteers are **not responsible** for any loss, theft, or injury to any person or property.
15. **NO DRUGS or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON SOFTBALL COMPLEX. THIS INCLUDES THE PARKING LOT.** All vehicles will be subject to search upon premises.
16. Any **QUESTIONS** about Tournament Rules, please direct them to Gayle Miller or Umpires before schedule game.