

# KMFS ICE BREAKER TOURNAMENT RULES



1. Softball B.C. rules will apply, unless otherwise noted.
2. **TIME LIMIT:** No new innings can start (signified by the last out in the bottom-half of an inning) after **1 hour** and **20 minutes** for all games. Teams can play out the inning. Home team will be decided with a coin flip at the pre-game meeting.
3. **MERCY RULE:** 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 7 runs after 5 innings apply to all games – unless teams choose to continue. A 5 run rule is in effect for all innings.
4. **ALL GAMES** will be played as *all players bat with unlimited defensive substitutions*. The last recorded "out" is allowed as a courtesy runner for the catcher if there are 2 outs.
5. Teams may play with a minimum of 8 players. Any team fielding 8 players will not be penalized with an automatic out in the 9th spot in the batting order. Any player showing up late may be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
6. *Any player, coach or official team representative* ejected from a game will also receive minimum next game suspension. Further disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
7. **PROTESTS:** All games are "no protest". Umpire decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
8. The wearing of jewellery while playing is highly discouraged. However, it is at the discretion of the player and coach and will not be monitored by the umpiring crew.

## RAIN OUT PROCEDURE

9. Due to the climate in British Columbia and the possibility of rain on any given day, games may be called due to heavy rain or water build up on the fields. The umpires will make the call at game time. If there is lightning in the area get players and umpires off the fields. They will continue to stay off the fields for a minimum of 15 minutes following the last lightning strike.
10. During inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to shorten games in order to get all or most games played.
11. A game is considered to have begun upon the first pitch in the top-half of the first inning. A game will be considered a complete game for the tournament when **4 full innings** have been played. If teams are able to play or begin to play four (**4**) games during the tournament, then KMFS is said to have substantially fulfilled their commitment to teams to play a certain number of pre-scheduled games. If teams play in less than four (**4**) games, they will receive a refund as outlined below:
  - Play or begin to play one (1) game => Receive 60% of entry fee as a refund
  - Play or begin to play two (2) games => Receive 40% of entry fee as a refund
  - Play or begin to play three (3) games => Receive 20% of entry fee as a refund