

Softball Competition Rules in Brief

This information must be read in conjunction with "Sport Entry Forms", "Sport Information" and "Games Information" available from the website. Details are subject to change please contact the Games Office for the most recent information.

Slow Pitch is designed to be a mixed recreational sport, therefore, some of the rules of Fast Pitch have been adapted. The intention of this is to minimise player contact and make the game enjoyable for all.

The interpretation of the rules or amendments are at the sole discretion of the Games.

One team member should be designated to learn the complete set of rules, available from the Games Office. For all other players, the following summary is intended to give a brief overview of the game.

1. Each team has 10 players - 5 males and 5 females and there must be 2 females both in the infield and the outfield.
2. Any substitute coming into the game must play at least 1 complete innings, ie bat and field.
3. There is no sliding or tagging - runners can only be played out by the fielder having the ball at the base before the runner gets there.
4. There are safety zones marked around 2nd and 3rd bases and a semi-circle at 1st base. A runner only needs to be in the safety zone before the ball gets to the base.
5. There are commitment lines marked around 2nd - 3rd bases and 3rd - home. Once a runner crosses the commitment line they cannot return to the base they came from.
6. A team can only score a maximum of 6 runs in each innings - except the last innings, where there is no restriction on the number of runs that can be scored.
7. A batter is out on the 3rd strike whether it is caught by the catcher or not.
8. A batter is out if the 3rd strike is hit foul - whether it is caught or not.
9. A team must bat male/female, alternatively in the order on the softball Score Sheet
10. The ball must be pitched in an arc - a minimum of 6 feet in height and a maximum of 12 feet.
11. If the batter does not swing at a pitch it must land on the strike zone mat to be called a strike.
12. There is a scoring line marked near home plate. The runner must cross this line, not touch home plate. The fielder must play the home plate.
13. A runner is not permitted to leave a base until the ball is hit or reaches home plate. If the ball is not hit the runner must return to the base. There is no stealing bases.
14. If the pitcher pitches 4 'balls', the batter then goes to 1st base.
15. If the batter is hit by a pitched ball, a 'ball' is called on the batter.
16. The batter must stand within the marked batter's box and must be within that batter's box when they hit the ball.
17. A regulation game is seven (7) innings or sixty (60) minutes, whichever occurs first. No innings shall start within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled finishing time, but an innings in progress will continue until completed or until time has elapsed, whichever occurs first.
18. If a game is abandoned due to wet weather, darkness or by the Games for any reason, it will be considered complete if three innings have been completed, or if the game has lasted at least a half hour. The score will be as of the last complete innings.

GOOD LUCK!



Entry & Payment Information

DEADLINES

Guaranteed Entry Deadline February 1 • Final Entry Deadline February 20. Incomplete Entries will not be guaranteed or processed. Entries received after the Guaranteed Entry Deadline are taken on a "first come" basis.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be sent to each entrant on this Form, only after Entry has been received by the Games with full payment.

REGISTRATION at a SUPERCENTRE

Registering in person before competing is compulsory. To register each entrant is required to bring their **Entry Confirmation**, with photo attached, to a Games SuperCentre to be **validated**, sign a Waiver of Liability, collect their Games Souvenir, Sport Start Time and Games Programme containing Sport Competition Details. Games SuperCentres for registration will be open from March 10-16. Exact times will be sent with Entry Confirmation.

INSURANCE

Entry fee does not include Personal Accident Insurance.

To purchase Personal Accident Insurance contact us on 1300 727 194.

The Diabetes Australia-NSW holds third party public liability insurance. If an entrant breaks, damages or loses equipment at a Games Venue they will be required to pay for its repair or replacement.

REPLACEMENTS and CHANGES

Replacements or changes may only be in the **Identical Event**. Replacements must be lodged at the *NSW Corporate Games* Office on an Official Form **before March 1**. Replacements or changes after this date will be at the discretion of the and subject to a \$25 fee per change.

WITHDRAWALS and REFUNDS

Withdrawals must be in writing. Before March 1 refunds are minus \$25 per person. After March 1 no refund. Fees paid are spent in advance on the cost of organising the Games and therefore are only refundable as above.

GAMES CELEBRATIONS

Details on **Games Celebrations** will be available at www.corporategames.net.au soon.

Games Awards Dinner will be on Monday March 17 from 7:00pm. Special guests will present the Corporate Awards. Contact the *NSW Corporate Games* on nswcorporategames@diabetesnsw.com.au for information.

FEES INCLUDING GST

\$50 per participant.

Entry must be with full payment and at the *NSW Corporate Games* Office by deadline.



Participants in **SOFTBALL**

Number (Min 12)

x \$50 =

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Fees payable to **Diabetes Australia-NSW** ABN 84 001 363 766 by

Cheque

Credit Cards – All (except Diners)

Please call 1300 727 194 for more information.

Money Order

Direct Debit

Bank CBA 062 231 905068. Evidence of transfer **MUST** accompany this Entry Form

CERTIFICATION

I/we agree to abide by all *NSW Corporate Games* rules and regulations. I also agree that Diabetes Australia NSW may store my personal information and results in a database and use that information to conduct Corporate Games, and for marketing and research purposes. If you wish to access your personal information, or read our privacy policy, contact us at nswcorporategames@diabetesnsw.com.au

Name _____

Captain

Signature _____ Date _____

The Games is not responsible for misdirected, lost, or delayed mail. Should the Games or any Sport or associated Event be cancelled as a result of circumstances beyond the control of the Organisers no refunds will be made. Entrants under 18 years must provide a letter of parental or guardian's consent. The Games has no affiliation to or specific sanction from its sports' governing bodies. The Games reserves the right to make any change in conditions of entry and to decline any application at its discretion.

POST ENTRY FORM TO



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New Mailing Address

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