



Softball Game Host Responsibilities: Check-in, Scorekeepers, and Officials

1. Arrive at least **30 minutes** prior to game time. Receive any necessary instructions from the field host, previous game host, and scorekeepers.
2. Provide scorekeepers and when assigned, officials.
3. Provide (you bring) the following equipment for each game:
 - Regulation game balls.
 - Pens/pencils and scorecards as needed for score keeping.
 - First aid kit (available in member closet), including ice or ice packs.
 - Black & white tape to correct numbers.
 - Current ASA Softball rulebook.
4. Supervise check-in of teams (**20 minutes** prior to game time).
 - Confirm that all players on the Team Line-up sheet are on the approved Tournament Roster. **Any roster additions must have Tournament Director approval PRIOR to being allowed to play.**
 - Have a coin toss to decide home and visitor. Home team shall bat last in the inning (Rule 5, Section 1). It is recommended that the home team use the 3rd base dugout.
 - Deliver the line-up sheets (with players' numbers and batting order) to the scorekeepers to enter onto the score sheet.
 - If the line-up and at least 9 players are not present at game time then that team will forfeit the game.
Short-Handed Rule (Rule 4, Section 1, D):
 - To start a game: A game may begin or finish with one less than required to start;
 - The vacant position must be listed last in the batting order;
 - An out will be taken when the vacant position in the batting order appears.When the substitute arrives, the substitute must be inserted ... into the vacant spot.
5. Pre-Game, conducted by Game Host (**5 minutes** prior to game time)
Gather both teams together, include spectators when possible.
 - Introduce: Yourself as the Game Host (any questions/problems should be directed to you),
Field Host Priesthood Supervisor and Officials
 - Check for: Proper Uniforms with legal numbers, modest shorts, proper shoes (no metal spikes) and no jewelry
 - Information: Special rules pertaining to the local site.
Remind **everyone** in attendance to maintain self-control and be an example of Christ-like conduct and good sportsmanship.
One team will lead both teams in reciting the appropriate statement found on the Area Sports Poster. The other team will offer an opening prayer.Provide umpire with the game balls at beginning of each game; collect them at the end of the game.
6. **Game:** A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. (Rule 5, Section 3, A)
If overall game time must be limited, no new inning shall begin after 55 minutes from the time of the first pitch.
In games without time limits, the run ahead rule (Rule 5, Section 9, A&B) will be invoked.
Run ahead rule: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings.
7. **Post-Game:** Make sure the teams know where and when they play next.
Record scores & results; return scorecard and line-up sheets to the game book.