**Softball Weekend Rules**

**What the umpire says is law.**

Each team must have a minimum of 10 current, registered Carroll students (or faculty/staff). **No one without a current student/faculty/staff I.D. can play.**

There must be at least 10 players present for each team 5 or have to be women. If you are unable to field a team of 10 a forfeit will occur.

You must provide your own mitts and bats. The bats must be ASA legal… the umpires will call any person who comes to bat with an illegal bat out so please have the umpires o.k. your bats before the game begins. **I was asked to send out a list of illegal Softball Bats so here they are: http://www.asasoftball.com/about/build\_batlist\_one\_page.asp** Legal bats include hardwood, metal, plastic, graphite, carbon, magnesium, fiberglass, ceramic, or any other composite material approved for softball. **You cannot use Trimetal or Titanium bats**. A player caught with one of these bats at the fields will be called out.

The pitcher must pitch underhand (slow pitch).

Regular Ball and Strike Count.

If a foul ball is not caught, it counts as a strike, even on the third strike. **Drop Dead Rule with a 55 min time limit per game.**

A horn will sound the start and the end of the game time.

Games called on time will revert to the score at the last full inning completed. Unless the team that is batting second in the inning has a score that has tied or passed the team that batted first in the inning.  If the game is tied when the horn sounds or when we revert to the top of the last completed inning then a tie score will be reported in the standings.

Each game will consist of no more than 7 innings or 55 minutes.

Teams must play at a normal speed all the way to the end of the game. If the umpire determines a team is stalling then an out can be called on that team, and cont. to be called if the team in question is trying to stall to win the game.

You must play at your scheduled time. If a team is not ready within ten minutes after the scheduled beginning of the game, the team forfeits.

10-run limit rule is in effect. Meaning the game can end after the 5thinning if after both teams have had equal “at bats” and one team leads by 10 runs or more.

All players must bat in the batting rotation. The rotation must be consistent with the batting order given to the umpire at the start of the game. Teams must also exchange batting orders prior to the start of the game.

Batting order shall alternate male/female or female/female throughout the game.

Only the player on deck can remain outside the dugout while a given team is batting. All other team members must remain in the dugout or must exit the field of play.

Strike zone: when a batter assumes a natural batting stance adjacent to home plate the strike zone is the space over any part of home plate between the batter’s shoulder and knee.

Substitutions are not allowed to fill a roster, unless agreed upon by the opposing team and only on Saturday of the Tournament. (Must be a present Carroll student or employee) The umpire must be notified at the beginning of the game and substitutions need to be listed on the batting order.

**Only those on your Roster can play for your team on Sunday**

Blood rule: a player with an open cut needs to receive treatment before returning to play. A player may leave the field to receive treatment and return to the field during the same inning without halting play. If a base runner is injured, a comparable pinch runner may be temporarily substituted.

Sliding is permitted. Anyone who purposely slides into another player will be dismissed from the tournament. Just a word of Advice – Do not slide in shorts! Unless you are prepared to bleed.

A player may not intentionally slide or run into another player on the opposing team. “Intentionally” is subject to the discretion of the umpire and tournament officials. In the case of breaking up a double play both players may be called out.

Umpires shall clearly define out-of-play areas for team captains prior to the game. Any ball hit out of play is dead. The team batting is required to retrieve all balls hit out of play during their turn at bat.

Tournament officials shall determine if games shall proceed or be postponed based on weather conditions.

Protests are of 2 types and 2 types only: A. Ineligible player B. Illegal substitution

Not arguable or available for protest:

a. Fair/foul calls b. Safe/out calls

c. Balls/strikes d. Pitches

e. Interference/obstruction f. Illegal/legal catch

**Ejections**

Ejection from a game means that a player must leave not only the field but must exit the area. His/her involvement in the game is over. Students dismissed from the field will be referred to the Carroll College Discipline Process.

Dismissal from the tournament can result from:

**Team ejection having alcohol at the fields (anywhere, including the parking lot)** A Player for intentionally running or sliding into another player

A Team if two players get ejections

**A Player or a Team for using abusive language**

A Team ejection will result in the use of an illegal bat.

A Player ejection of those who are drunk and or belligerent

**A Team who has a player who is not presently attending or working at Carroll.**

**Rules of the Carroll College Softball Tournament**

**All participants (all those on your roster) must fill out a Responsible Student Conduct Agreement form and turn it in with the team roster. (Roster, and Conduct forms with $100 all turned in together.)**

**Any person or team may be dismissed by: the tournament director, the director of student activities, an umpire, or any of the school’s officials present due to inappropriate conduct.**

**Absolutely No alcohol is allowed at the fields/in the parking lot at any time during the weekend. Any team caught with alcohol will be immediately be disqualified and asked to leave the fields. – no exceptions!**

**Any person whom the umpire deems “not sober” must leave the fields immediately and will be taken home by taxi.**

**Rules set Forth by Carroll College & the City of Helena for Batch and YMCA Baseball Fields**

● **You must Park in the designated parking areas**

● **No littering**

● **No Drinking in Public, No open containers, No Alcohol** ● **No drinking and driving**

● **No indecent exposure**

● **No Vandalism**

● **A person who shows up at the fields drunk and or belligerent will be asked to leave.**

**Infractions of City rules will be ticketed by the Helena Police Department.**