Junior Softball Season – Term 4

Entry & Competition Information 2019

Zones:
Games will be at three venues:

Central Venue (Eden-Roskill Softball Club) – War Memorial Park, Mt Roskill
South-East Venue - Prince Edwards Park, Papakura
North Harbour Venue (NEW) – Rosedale Park, Albany

Dates:
Central Zone:

- Boys teams will play on Mondays, 4th November – 2nd December 2019
- Girls teams will play on Wednesdays, 30th October – 4th December 2019

South-East Zone:

- Boys and Girls teams will play on Wednesday afternoons from 30th October – 4th December 2019

North Harbour Zone:

- Boys and Girls teams will play on Monday afternoons, 4th November – 2nd December 2019

Game Times
Games will be played between 4.30pm – 6.30pm.
Round 1: 4:30pm – 5:25pm
Round 2: 5:30pm – 6:25pm

Eligibility

- All players must be in year 10 or below, and under 15 on the 1st January in the year of play for the Central and South East Zones only.
- Only secondary schools who have paid the College Sport affiliation fee for year 7 & 8 students can play students from below year 9, provided they are currently attending that school.
- Refer to the College Sport Bylaws for further information.

Entries

- Entries must be submitted online via EnterNOW by 11.59pm, Tuesday 22nd October.
- Teams need to be minimum 9 players to field a team
- College Sport will invoice schools once the season has begun.
- Teams withdrawn after the entry closing date will still be liable for the entry fee.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

Team Management
All teams must have a teacher or adult with them at every game. This person is to complete the score sheet before and after the game where needed, be aware of any medical problems of players in the team, implement the rules of the competition, and supervise the players. Teams without supervision may lose by default.

Draws & Results

Draws will be available on the College Sport website.
Schools are responsible for entering and checking their results in SportsRunner. Corrections to results will not be accepted within four school days of playoffs.

Points will be awarded as:

- win = 2 points
- draw = 1 point
- loss = 0 points
- win by default = 2 points (7-0 score)
- lose by default = -2 points (0-7 score)

If teams are on equal points, the team who beat the other will be placed ahead. If still undecided, the points scored 'for' will be divided by the points scored 'against' and the team with the highest points differential will be placed ahead.

Rules

- All matches will be played as per the North Harbour / Auckland / Counties-Manukau Softball Associations Junior Grade Rules unless otherwise stated.
- Games shall be 55 minutes. At the completion of time, if a team batting second is ahead, the game is over, however, if they are behind then it needs to go back to even innings. They do not have the opportunity to bat their innings. Coaches should bear in mind that an innings commencing around the 45-minute mark will generally be the last innings of the game.
- If the score is tied at the completion of time, the result is a draw, unless the game is a semi-final or final in which case a tie-breaker must be played.
- Compulsory two down catcher rule:
    - When the team at bat has two down and the catcher is up to bat, they must be replaced by a runner if they successfully reach base. The replacement runner shall be the last person in the batter's box that went out.
    - If the catcher is the third out of the batting innings, then a reserve player must be used to take the three warm up pitches. The warm up catcher must wear a mask when catching.
    - There is to be three warm up pitches only and no infield throw around.
- Hustle rule:
    - If the defensive fielding team or individuals are slow to get on to the field, then a ball shall be called on the pitcher on the first batter faced.
    - If an offensive batter is slow to get into the batter's box, then a stroke will be called against them.
    - Teams/players will be given a warning if they are slow to react to an innings change over. If there is no improvement in the 'hustle' then the defence and/or offence penalty shall be applied.
- After the batter enters the batter's box, they must remain in the batter's box between pitches by keeping at least one foot in the box including while taking signals and practice swings.
- Diamond dimensions:
    - Junior Boys pitching distance = 14.02 metres
    - Junior Girls pitching distance = 12.19 metres
    - Baselines = 18.29 metres
- Host venues will provide umpires. Their decisions are final.
- Teams must leave the grounds clean and tidy. If grounds are left damaged and/or untidy, schools will be liable for paying any associated costs.
- The College Sport Defaults & Rescheduling Policy is available on the College Sport website.

Uniforms & Equipment

- All teams shall supply:
    - 1 x approved match ball (Easton 803N or Diamond D12RFPK)
    - 1 x catcher's helmet with facemasks & throat guard
    - 1 x chest protector
    - 1 x set of leg guards
    - 2 x bats
    - 4 x two-eared batting/ base-running helmets.
- Two-eared helmets must be worn:
    - In the on deck circle
    - Whilst batting
    - Whilst base-running
- Catchers must wear a mask and throat guard, chest protector, and leggings.
- No metal cleats are to be worn.
- All students must play in the school's recognised playing uniform.
- All players must wear shoes.
- Any team not in correct uniform may lose by default.