



CALEDONIA BEARS
2021 PARENTS CO-ED 3PITCH TOURNAMENT
Rules of Play

1. **HAVE FUN!!!**
2. A batter is given 3 pitches to put a ball in play. 3rd pitch foul ball is still an OUT
3. Each team shall pitch to their own batters.
4. No metal cleats, or open toed shoes may be worn.
5. All equipment must be kept within the bench area.
6. A commitment line will be drawn 21 feet from home plate. Once a runner crosses this line they may not retreat to third base. (exception: tagging up)
7. A line will be drawn horizontally from the top of home plate towards the back stop as a "safe line". Any runner between this line and the commitment line will be called out when the ball is held by a defensive player in contact with home plate.
8. Absolutely no tagging between the safe line and the commitment line.
9. Eight players minimum, including at least four females constitutes a "team". If a team has only three females present, they may still play the game, however only 6 males allowed in the field. All players must be 18+
10. There will be at least four women on the field each inning, and a maximum of 10 players (5 outfielders).
11. The batting order will be followed as listed on the game roster. Any late player will be placed at the end of the batting order at any time.
12. Batting order may have no more than 2 male batters in a row.
13. No infielder is allowed inside the baseline before a hit.
14. Five runs or three outs ends an inning. The last inning is always open. The game will end when a team losing by 15 runs has had five at bats (a "mercy"). A team losing by 20 runs may decide that the game is over at anytime before this, at the LOSING team's discretion.
15. Games will be seven innings or 1hour 30 mins drop dead time limit.
16. No Bunting.
17. The catcher will be responsible for calling a fair or foul ball.

18. The pitcher will be responsible for calling runners safe or out. Any disagreements will be decided on by the two team reps.
19. On all diamonds, any ball hit over the outfield fence in fair territory will be considered a home run. Any fair ball bouncing over the fence is considered a double.
20. There is an opposite home run rule. The 1st team to hit a HR cannot hit another one until the other team has hit a HR and vice versa. Any additional HR hit before the other team hits a HR will be considered an automatic out.
21. Caught foul balls must exceed the batters height to be considered an out.
22. If the pitcher is hit with a batted ball, it is a dead ball. No pitch counted towards the batter.
23. If the pitcher deliberately interferes with a batted ball the batter is out.
24. The runner's foot may not leave the base until the batter has contacted the ball. Any runner leading off is out – to be called by the catcher.
25. There is no sliding. Any player sliding will be called out.
26. Once the ball has been thrown to the pitcher from an infielder, the play is dead and runners may not advance.
27. A player occupying the position of an outfielder at the time of the pitch may not force out a batter-runner at first base.
28. 3 Courtesy runners per game are allowed. Male for male, female for female.
29. Round robin games MAY END IN A TIE.
30. 2 points for a WIN, 1 for a TIE, 0 for a loss
31. Ties will be determined by 1st head to head, 2nd plus minus differential and 3rd defence runs allowed – in that order. If a tie is still unbroken, a coin toss will determine the higher ranked team. At no point will RUNS FOR be considered.
32. Home team will be determined by a coin toss for all round robin games and by the higher seeded team for all semi and final games
33. Semi-Finals will be top 2 teams in each division crossing each other, Finals will be winner of those 2 semi-final games