

# Monster Mash Big Ball Tournament Rules-2024

*If there is no clarification on a specific rule, CARD league rules and USA softball rules will take effect*

## **ROSTERS**

A roster must be submitted to the tournament director before the start of a team's first game.

**No changes can be made to a team's roster after 11:30a.**

Teams may not have more than 20 players listed on their roster.

Players are only eligible to play for one team throughout the tournament.

Roster checks will be done prior to the start of the championship game and can be done during other games if requested by team managers.

## **GAMEPLAY**

7 inning game play with a 50-minute game clock.

No new inning will start after 50 minutes.

15-run mercy rule after 4 innings.

1 umpire will be provided (2 umpires for championship game)

16-inch Chicago balls will be provided

A "**lag**" will determine home team:

"Managers from each team roll a ball to the pitching plate from home plate. The manager whose ball ends up closest to the pitching plate without rolling past it, gets the choice of being the home team."

If a game is tied after time is up or 7 innings, the international tie breaker rule will take effect.

"At the start of the next inning, a runner is placed on second base- the runner will be the last batter scheduled to bat in this inning. A pinch runner can be substituted for this player after 1 complete at bat has taken place during the inning. Any eligible player may be substituted for this runner)."

## **PITCHING**

6–12-foot arc

Any ball striking the plate or mat will be called a strike.

Batters will start with a 1-1 count with no foul to give.

Pump Faking is not allowed

## **BATTING**

Any softball bat can be used: ASA, USSSA, NSA, ISF, ISA

Coed lineups shall alternate between male and female players.

Teams are allowed back-to-back female batters.

Teams may **not** bat back-to-back male players.

If a male is walked, he is awarded second base. The following female batter has the option to take first base or hit.

## **BASERUNNING**

No leading off or stealing

A commit line and score line will be used for coed play

If home plate is touched by a runner trying to score the runner will be an out

Courtesy runners: Only 1 courtesy runner per inning per gender.

Umpire must be informed of each courtesy runner coming in.

## **FIELDING**

Gloves are required

Teams may use any combination of 5 males and 5 females in the field.

No more than 2 males in the outfield & infield at a time.

Coed teams can play with more females in the field than males however, the number of male players in the field cannot exceed the number of female players in the field.

## **BONUS 4th OUT**

If an entire team is determined to be dressed in Halloween costumes by the field umpire, that team will be awarded (1) BONUS "FOURTH" OUT, to be used at any time during their game.

Softball or baseball players do not qualify as a Halloween costume.

Any sports jersey (baseball, football, basketball, etc.) does not qualify as a Halloween costume.

Intent to use **FOURTH OUT OPTION** must be declared immediately following a team's 3rd out, and, prior to the next pitch.

## **PARK RULES**

If a player is ejected from a game they're ejected for the entirety of the tournament, and the ejected player's spot in the batting order will be an out for the remainder of the current game.