
2021 KANSAS CITY CORPORATE CHALLENGE

COED SOFTBALL

DATES / TIMES: **Saturday & Sunday, April 24 & 25, 2021**
Scheduled game times will be available on the KCCC website on March 25th by 5:00 p.m. (www.kccorporatechallenge.com).

LOCATIONS: **Heritage Park Softball Complex**
16050 Pflumm
Olathe, KS 66062



KCCC is taking several steps to enhance the health and safety of the event for participants, volunteers, and staff:

- **Masks:** all athletes, volunteers, and staff will be required to wear masks at all times during event, unless facility guidelines specify otherwise.
- **Physical Distancing:** maintain at least a 6-foot distance between each other.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting:** extra handwashing and hand sanitizer stations will be available at the event.
- **Facility Guidelines:** KCCC events will adhere to all safety protocols required at each of our host facilities.
- **Spectators:** To adhere to all facility capacity limits, maintain proper social distancing, and limit contact tracing, NO spectators will be allowed at the event.
- If anyone is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they will abstain from the event (including but not limited to: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath).

- Each company may enter one coed team in the Softball Tournament. Ten players (5 men, 5 women) will be on the field. Twelve players may be used (6 men, 6 women) if they choose to use "Extra Hitters" (EH).
- **A team representative must check-in at event, no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time and confirm enough participants to play. Team rosters will not be required, but only players who are registered for KCCC and who have signed the KCCC waiver will be eligible. Teams will randomly be checked for player eligibility. Make sure each participant has a photo ID available at game time in the event of a random check. Failure to show IDs at a random check will result in a forfeit, as well as any point penalties resulting from a forfeit.**
- Teams may have an unlimited number of participants for the tournament. All the players used in the tournament must be legal players from the company's participation list. A maximum of 18 players may be used per game.
- **Game time is forfeit time. Players must be at assigned field at game time.**
- Tournament rules will be the Official Certified Guide of the USSSA for 2021, with the following KCCC exceptions: a) Player number and hats are not required. b) All games will be seven innings or expiration of the 55-minute time limit. c) The fifteen run after three innings, and ten run after five innings spread rule will be in effect for all games – including the championship and "if necessary" game. d) Batters will be allowed a courtesy foul.

- Teams will be allowed to start the game with eight players (4 men, 4 women), but may not start with 9 players. If the ninth and tenth players arrive during the course of the game, those two players may enter the game at that time (they may occupy any position on the field, but must be placed in the 9th and 10th spots on the batting order).
- A coin flip will determine the home and away team. Teams may choose between being the home team and batting last or the visiting team and being awarded a half run. If there is a tie after 7 innings or the time limit, the half run will go to the visiting team and win the game.
- In the event of an injury, teams playing with 10 players will be allowed to play with 9, if no substitutes are available on the bench; however, it will be an automatic out each time it is the injured player's turn at bat. In the event of an injury, teams playing with 8 players will be forced to forfeit, as teams may not play with less than eight. In the event of an injury, teams playing with 12 have the choice of playing with 11 and taking an automatic out each time it is the injured player's turn at bat, or dropping down to 10 players with no automatic out (the two players who come out of the game must have batted consecutively in the batting order, since the batting order must remain man/woman).
- Re-entry rules: Any starting player may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he or she is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. Re-entry by any starter must be reported to the umpire and scorekeeper.
- In the event of bad weather, please use the KCCC rain-out number 913-686-6030 x15 or check the KCCC website (www.kccorporatechallenge.com).
- If weather causes schedule delays, games will change to 3 innings or 30 minutes.
- No new games will begin after 12:00 midnight.
- Softballs will be provided.
- No containers of any kind are permitted in the Mid-America Sports Complex This includes cans, bottles, coolers, water jugs, etc. Water will be provided, and a concession area is also available for food and drink.
- USSSA Rule - Batters are allowed 3 balls for a walk, 2 strikes for an out.
- **Homeruns** – Teams will be allowed to hit 2 homeruns then it will go to the 1 up rule. Once both teams have reached 2 homeruns, either team may hit an additional homerun; however, no team may go more than one homerun up on the other team. Any additional homeruns above the one-up will be scored as an out.
- The Softball Tournament will be single elimination until the quarterfinals (final 8 teams), at which point we will play double elimination.
- Teams forfeiting their *first game* in the tournament will be assessed penalty points. If a team forfeits a game after having already played a game or games in the tournament, that forfeit will be counted as a loss and penalty points will not be assessed.

- Please ask that your participants have their ID with them at all KCCC events. For more information on protests/use of illegal players, please see the KCCC Protest Policy.
- Please refer to the KCCC Point System for information on points for Softball.

**THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO ANY RULE INTERPRETATION CHANGES
WHICH MAY OCCUR BETWEEN NOW AND THE 2021 KANSAS CITY CORPORATE
CHALLENGE.**

**For more information regarding the Softball Tournament,
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