



South Carolina Church of God 2023 Men's Softball Tournament Rules & Guidelines May 20, 2023

Location: Lexington County Recreation (Oak)

Cost: \$300.00 (Entry fee includes softballs for Tournament)
Make Checks Payable to: COG Youth Camp

Date: May 20, 2023

Tournament Chairman: Mike Wooten (803) 322-6200

Note: This tournament is under the auspices of the State Youth & Discipleship Board, directed by the Tournament Committee and Chairman, Mike Wooten. Their decision is final in all tournament related matters. If you have any special requests, you need to contact Chairman, Mike Wooten.

RULES GOVERNING PLAY

1. The overlying rules of fair play, good attitude, good sportsmanship, and enjoyable fellowship shall govern the tournament. There will be no abusive language or arguing and each game should be played in a Christ like manner and Spirit. Anyone who becomes argumentative, continually critical, or abusive with the umpires, tournament officials or committee, after one warning, will be subject to disqualification from the tournament.
2. The umpire's judgment is final. Anyone persistently arguing with or heckling the umpire, after one warning, will be subject to ejection from the tournament.
3. Grievances may be voiced to the Tournament Committee. There will be a \$50.00 protest fee charged with a total refund if the protest stands in the team's favor.
4. Games will be scheduled for one-hour time limit. Time out for injured players will not count against the hour playing time. Any team not on time automatically forfeits.
5. ***Team rosters must be made up of people who attend the Church they are representing. Each player must sign a statement stating his attendance and his promise to abide by the Tournament Rules and Conduct.*** There will be no pick- up players allowed on any team for any

reason. Such players found to be on a roster after tournament play has begun, automatically disqualifies a team from tournament play. A committee member may contact Pastor(s) to certify roster prior to tournament. If a church has more than one team in Tournament, players can only play for one team and must be on the Roster of that one team.

6. **Combination of Teams:** If two churches have combined as one team, they must play under the name of both churches. Also, this combination must be specified on the application with both Pastor's signatures. If not, the team will be disqualified without a refund.
7. **Rosters are to be signed by the Pastor.** The Pastor's signature certifies the roster as regular attendees of that local church and qualifies them for tournament play. We reserve the right to personally question each player about their attendance of that local church.
8. To prevent personal injury, tennis shoes or rubber cleats should be worn. No player will be allowed to play in steel cleats.
9. This will be a double elimination tournament.
10. All churches are responsible for Accident Insurance for their teams. All players must sign a release of liability to the Church of God and the Praise Cathedral Church of God. The roster shall serve as a release of liability.
11. The Entry Fee of \$300.00 is due by the deadline entry date of May 20, 2023 and must accompany the completed registration form and final roster. All your money with the exception of \$50.00 will be returned to you if you cancel before May 20th.
12. Tournament will be played rain or shine, except during periods of dangerous weather conditions. However, field conditions can be ruled unplayable by site officials. If so, tournament officials will determine winners.
13. Players should dress for comfort, safety and modesty. Modest apparel is expected, and the Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify, after proper warning, anyone who persists in wearing immodest or indecent apparel. Matching jerseys with numbers are required.
14. Absolutely no tobacco or alcohol will be permitted on the playing field, in and around the dug outs, in the parking lot, or on tournament grounds.
15. Profanity or fighting will not be tolerated. The team(s) involved will be immediately disqualified, no matter how many individuals are involved. The entrance fee will be forfeited. There will be no exceptions to this rule.