



Knights of Columbus Softball



WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is a slow pitch tournament.
2. All games will be seven innings, regulation time, and additional innings in the event of a tie. (See rule 18 for exceptions.)
3.
 - Each team is limited to 25 players all of whom must be members in good standing of the council represented.
 - Each roster member must have had the first Degree before his name can be listed.
 - Prior to the start of the first game of the state tournament, a roster must be submitted to the Tournament Director or State Chairman. Each player must have signed the original roster and may be asked to do so again at the state tournament.
 - No additions or changes to the roster will be allowed except as necessitated by injury or illness and then only with the permission of the state slow pitch chairman.
 - Membership numbers must be included on the roster. If a membership number has not been assigned, list the date of First Degree.
4. A council may enter more than one team if they have enough players. However, a player may play on only one of the teams. All participants must be members of the council they are representing (exception: Recreational division teams may have members in good standing from different councils, not playing in other divisions, on their roster).
5. It is not necessary for any team to have any type of uniform to participate in the tournament.
6. Each team, in the Open and Masters division, will be assessed a \$100.00 entry fee. Each team, in the Recreational Division, will be assessed an \$85.00 entry fee. All teams must forward their entry fee and a "Letter of Intent" to the State Slow-Pitch Chairman. The check should be made payable to the **"WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS."**
7. The State Tournament will be a double elimination tournament.
8. The State Chairman will contact each team participating in the state tournament. Full instructions, pairings, and a map will be sent showing the location of the state tournament site. The State Slow-Pitch Committee will determine the site at their winter-spring meeting one year in advance.
9. The State Tournament will take place on the second Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday of August.
10. Other than our special rules all games will be governed by the rules of the American Softball Association.
11. The ball to be used at the State Tournament will be a 12" inseam.
12. We will use three (3) ball, two (2) strike count for the entire tournament.

13. We will use the ASA reentry rule (Rule 4, Sec. 4) which states "any of the starting players may be withdrawn and reentered once, provided players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the lineup". Our rules will add to the list that can call attention of an infraction to the reentry rule: the umpires, the scorekeeper and the offended team. The penalty for violation of the rule is as stated in the ASA rule book: "forfeiture of the game".

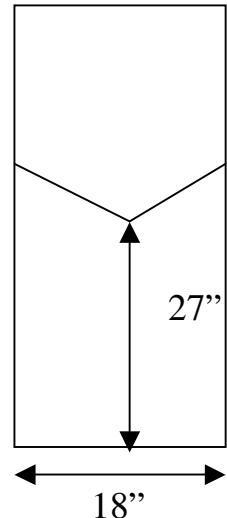
14. Eight men can start any game, there is no out penalty. Additional players may be added as they arrive.

15. **NO METAL SPIKES! NO METAL CLEATS!**

16. The strike zone will be the mat only. The mat will be 27" long from the back point of the plate, with the mat fitted into the pointed part of the plate. The mat will be 18" wide. A runner scoring a run must touch the **plate**, not the mat.

17. (AH) Explanation of **ADDITIONAL HITTER RULE** – Managers Option:

1. Ten players bat or play field, or
2. Eleven player batting order with one player designated as A.H. Any ten of the eleven players may play defense during the game. If for any reason a player is unable to continue playing during the game and a team has no more eligible players (substitutes), the vacated spot in the batting order is an automatic out. The reentry rule applies to the A.H. as well as the rest of the lineup.



Amendment: A team may bat more than eleven (11) players but if any number more than eleven (11) bat, that number of players must also end the game. Example: fourteen (14) start, fourteen (14) finish. Each player that cannot continue will be an automatic out.

18. Fifteen (15) run rule. Any team that is winning by fifteen (15) or more runs at the end of five (5) innings will be declared the winner of that game. This rule will not apply in any game when both teams playing are guaranteed to finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th place.

19. If, by judgment of the umpire, a player or players are ejected for "unsportsmanlike conduct" the player or players will be suspended for the rest of the tournament.

20. Any bat with that exceeds a 1.20 B.P.F. rating or contains titanium will be illegal. The penalty is subject to ASA rule (Rule , Sec.) Ejection form game/tournament.

21. Teams will be allowed one (1) courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner will designated as the last recorded out or if in the first inning with no outs, the last batter listed on the line-up sheet.

22. The State Softball Committee reserves the right to change the rules due to extraordinary circumstances.

Knights of Columbus State Softball Tournament

Send this Letter of Intent along with you entry fee and ASA registration fee (please send a separate check for the ASA fee) to the person listed below:

Russ O'Leary
907 Hilltop Dr
Milton, WI 53563
608-868-3907

Note: July 15th deadline

Letter of Intent

(Please type or Print)

Please enter our council in the Knights of Columbus State Slow-Pitch Softball tournament. Our roaster will be brought to the State tournament for verification.

Council Name: _____ **Council #:** _____

City: _____

Team Contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street/R.R./ P.O. Box

City State ZIP

Phone: (_____) _____
Area Code

Check One:

- Open Division:** \$100.00 Entry Fee plus \$15.00 ASA Fee.
- Master Division:** \$100.00 Entry Fee plus \$15.00 ASA Fee.
- Recreational Division:** \$85.00 Entry Fee plus \$15.00 ASA Fee.

ENTRY FEE ON ONE CHECK – A.S.A. FEE ON ONE CHECK

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING STATE K.C. SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- 1) Minimum two (2) years consecutive years of participation in state tournament.
- 2) Minimum of four (4) ball diamonds not more than ¼ mile apart.
- 3) Housing for 300 people.
(These guidelines are subject to yearly revisions.)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE STANDING RULES

- 1) Softball committee to be composed of not more than six members and a State Officer all appointed by the State Deputy.
- 2) The annual tournament shall be located at a site, bid and hosted by a subordinate council(s).
- 3) The committee shall meet not more than semiannually with the approval of the State Deputy.
- 4) The Committee Chairman shall file with the State Deputy, no later than thirty days after the close of the annual tournament each year, a complete financial report of said tournament. The report shall include the operations and expenses for the year. Said reports to be reviewed by the State Financial Review Committee and subject to the approval of the State Deputy.

METHOD OF SELECTION OF DIOCESAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

State Softball Committee shall consist of one member from each diocese in the state plus immediate past state champions delegate.

- 1) Most wins of the team in a Diocese in State tournament competition in the current year if willing to serve all being equal.
- 2) Most runs scored of the team in a Diocese in State Tournament competition in the current year all being equal.
- 3) Least runs scored against of the team in a Diocese in State Tournament competition in current year all being equal.
- 4) Manager of Diocesan team more willing to serve on State Committee all being equal.
- 5) Flip of the coin.

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“New” Recreational Division

Our State K.C. Softball Tournament will now feature a **“Recreational”** division. This division has been established for councils that have not yet put together a team or for established teams that have not faired well in the “Open” or “Master’s” divisions but still want to promote the fraternalism of the Knights of Columbus.

This division will have its own tournament, which will be played in conjunction with the “Open” and “Masters” tournaments. The winner of the “Recreational” tournament will receive a trophy but can not advance beyond the state level of play. Teams in the “Recreational” tournament may move to the “Open or “Master” divisions the next year or whenever they feel they are ready.

Teams in the “Recreational” tournament may be made up of players from different councils, two or more councils may go together to form a team. However, players may not play in two divisions. If a player plays in the “Recreational” division, they cannot play in the “Open” or “Masters” Division and vice versa.

Entry fee for the “Recreational” tournament is \$85.00 plus a \$15.00 ASA registration fee.

Total entry: \$100.00

Letter of Intent must be sent by July 15th.

For more Information Contact:

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