## THE ELITE DIAMOND SPORTS OKTOBERFEST COLLEGE SHOWCASE November 11-13, 2016



## **Showcase Rules**

- Steve McCown is the ASA UIC for this Showcase
- ASA Diamond Sports balls must be used and will be provided. Teams need to retrieve foul balls from their field. Please return all fouls to the field ASAP. If umpire runs out of balls, the clock does not stop.
- Before game provide \$40.00 Cash to umpire. Lineups are not required. Coin flip for home or visitor.
- No official score book needed due to Showcase format.
- Run rule IS NOT in effect.
- Time limit is 1:30 finish the batter.
- ASA Rules are in play except otherwise noted.
- Teams may bat their entire roster.
- Pitcher allowed 5 warm-up pitches in 1<sup>st</sup> inning and 3 in subsequent innings. New pitchers provided same.
- Team meetings held during each half inning can slow down the game. Be sure to keep meetings short so that the game will continue moving along. Player "meetings" in the pitcher's circle, after catcher throw-downs, need to be eliminated as much as possible. Each half inning should be completed within 2 minutes.
- Free substitution is allowed to allow as many players to be seen as possible.
- Teams playing shorthanded with eight players will not be charged an out for the ninth spot in the batting order.
- No intentional walks, this is a Showcase, let the girls play.

- No hit by pitch, dead ball, pitch called a ball. No runner can be put on 1<sup>st</sup> in this case.
- If a player is walked, the coach, assuming a college coach is watching and wants to see the player at bat again, has the choice whether to put her on 1<sup>st</sup> and let the next batter hit or allow her <u>one more plate appearance</u> and put another runner on 1st in her place. If you plan to have a secondary runner on 1<sup>st</sup>, be sure that player is ready, with helmet in hand, to take the base immediately after the 4<sup>th</sup> ball is called.
- Umpires will call illegal pitches but, for the purpose of speeding up the game, the ball will still be considered live. The call will be made as a heads up to the college coaches watching that there has been an illegal pitch. Coaches should talk to their players between innings if there is a continued issue with illegal pitches. If your batter swings and hits an illegal pitch, she has no option, but to run.
- Pickup players from other teams in the showcase are allowed when teams are short players in order to make sure the games are played, the colleges come to watch games, not forfeits. If you are in need of a player and cannot locate one please see the showcase tent and we will help but please do not wait right until your game time.
- Wristbands must be worn by all players and coaches. If one breaks or gets lost see the showcase tent. Pitchers wear wristband on glove hand, all other players on throwing hand. Only 3 coach bands are provided, additional must be purchased at the gate.
- No argument of calls allowed. Again, this is to ensure the time is spent getting another player to the plate.
- Once the game has ended, please leave the field quickly to help maintain the schedule. On the way out, please <u>be friendly to the next team by insuring your dugout is clean</u>.
- Please tell your parents not to approach College Coaches. If a College is interested in their daughter then they will approach them or contact them at the appropriate time.
- Hospitality Tents are setup at the parks for the College Coaches, Umpires and Showcase staff ONLY. Please make sure your players and parents are aware of this. Please save the parking around the College Coach Tent for College Coaches and Staff.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us and you and your young ladies have a successful and safe weekend!

