

## 2019 NOVFA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Department must be a member in good standing
2. The team roster, signed by the Fire Chief, along with the entry fee of \$125 must be received by **July 26, 2019**. **DRAWING DATE for the tournament will be Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Gibsonburg Fire Station. 120 N. Main St., Gibsonburg, 43431. IF NOT MAILED, ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AT DRAWING IN PERSON.**
3. Entry form must have NOVFA dues certification number.
4. Team will consist of department members by July 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
5. No limit to number of players per team.
6. Two neighboring departments may combine to form one team. Must have prior approval from host department to combine. Must have both Chief's signatures.
7. Team members must be 18 years of age or older.
8. All games will be played following USSSA guidelines.
9. Tournament style will be determined at drawing depending on number of teams entered in the tournament. If 8 teams or less, a round robin style tournament may be held.
10. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the tournament for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. If round robin tournament is held, only 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies will be awarded.
11. Team captain must report at least 30 minutes ahead of their schedule game time.
12. Teams will be granted a 10 minute grace period to field a team. Thereafter, it will be considered a forfeit.
13. Five complete innings will be considered a complete game in the event of a rainout.
14. **Mercy rule will be 15 after 5 innings and 10 after 6 innings.** If a team is leading by 15 runs after 5 innings or 10 runs after 6 innings, it is considered a complete game. The team behind must have 5 or 6 at bats.
15. Balls and umpires will be provided by the host department.
16. No metal cleats allowed.
17. Sliding is permitted with the exception of sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base.
18. Foul language will not be tolerated.
19. Home run limit will be 5 home runs. Every home run after 5 will be an out.