



## 2024 WOMEN'S SALAAM CUP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

*All rules not referred to on this sheet are outlined on our website and/or in the 2024 Harmonized Play Slo-Pitch Rules and SPN Rulebook, unless otherwise stated.*

1. All players must be of the **Islamic Faith** to participate in this tournament.
2. Umpires will **submit official scores** after every game. Team Captain/Coach is responsible for ensuring the final scores posted are correct.
3. Games times will be as follows:
  - **ROUND ROBIN** for ALL DIVISIONS - maximum of seven (7) innings (time permitting) or **70 minutes**. At the **fifty-five (55) minute** mark, the umpire will call time and notify both teams that the next inning is open. If the home team is ahead, the bottom of the last inning will not be played. Tie games remain a tie after seven complete innings or if time expires. There will be **no grace period** at the start of the game.
  - **QUARTER FINALS** for ALL DIVISIONS - maximum of seven (7) innings (time permitting) or **70 minutes**. At the **fifty-five (55) minute** mark, the umpire will call time and notify both teams that the next inning is open. If the home team is ahead, the bottom of the last inning will not be played. Ties will be played out and the SPN International Tiebreaker will be in effect. There will be no grace period at the start of the game.
  - **SEMIS, BACK-DOOR GAME & FINALS** - full seven (7) innings will be played. Ties will be played out and the SPN International Tiebreaker will be in effect. There will be no grace period at the start of the game. Mercy rule is in effect.
4. **MERCY RULE** is 12 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead.
5. **No grace period**. Games will start on scheduled time. No protest based on game start times will be accepted.
6. **5 runs per inning max** in all divisions – last inning is open.
7. **ROUND ROBIN FORMAT WITH PLUS-MINUS RUN DECIDING FACTOR**: The **MAXIMUM** plus-minus difference, **PER GAME PER TEAM**, is **plus seven runs or minus seven runs**.
8. **Home team** will be determined by a coin toss in round robin. In playoffs, higher seed will have the option to be the home or away team.
9. **1 & 1 Count Rule** is in effect for all divisions in the Salaam Cup Tournament.
10. All **outfielders** must remain on the grass until contact is made with the ball.
11. Please ensure you are playing the **correct team** before the game begins.
12. Each team will complete a **lineup card** prior to each game – first and last names of each player must appear on the lineup card.
13. Short-Handed Rule is in effect. Teams may start a game with a minimum of nine (9) players.
14. Maximum **THREE (3) courtesy runners** per game. Any team member can run and one person can be a pinch runner more than once.
15. Bases will be set at sixty-five (65) feet from the back of home plate to the outside of the base.