



2025 MEN'S SALAAM CUP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

All rules not referred to on this sheet are outlined on our website and/or in the 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 **7 innings or 1 hour and 5 minutes**. Last inning will be called at the **55-minute mark** and the next inning will be open. Ties allowed in round robin after seven innings or if time expires.
 - **QUALIFIER AND QUARTER FINALS** FOR **MINOR** & **REC** DIVISIONS - maximum of **7 innings or 1 hour and 10 minutes**. Last inning will be called at the **60-minute mark** and the next inning will be open. Ties will be played out and the SPN International Tiebreaker will be in effect.
 - **SEMIS & FINALS** FOR **ALL DIVISIONS** - **full 7 innings** will be played. Ties will be played out and the SPN International Tiebreaker will be in effect.
 - **ALL MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF GAMES** - **full 7 innings** will be played. Ties will be played out and the SPN International Tiebreaker will be in effect.
4. **MERCY RULE** is 12 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead.
5. **5 runs per inning max** in all divisions – last inning is open.
6. **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**.
7. **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.
8. **1 & 1 Count Rule** is in effect for all divisions in the Salaam Cup Tournament.
9. **Five-man infield** can be used in all Men's Divisions. A minimum of three outfielders must start on the grass, until contact is made with the ball.
10. Each team will complete a **lineup card** prior to each game – first and last names of each player must appear on the lineup card.
11. Short-Handed Rule is in effect. Teams may start a game with a minimum of nine (9) players.
12. Maximum **THREE (3) courtesy runners** per game. Any team member can run and one person can be a pinch runner more than once.
13. Bases will be set at seventy (70) feet from the back of home plate to the outside of the base.
14. ***NEW* Protective face gear is mandatory for all pitchers**. Protective headgear with face protection is strongly recommended.
15. ***NEW* Pitcher Replacement Rule/Temporary Runner**: A temporary runner can be used for a pitcher who is on base with two out, who wears visible outer protective equipment to pitch (ex. mask). This does not count as a courtesy.