

Ming Chuan University 2019-20 President Cup Softball Competition Rules and Regulations

- 1、Aim: The purpose of this competition is to enhance the sporting atmosphere and to level up the softball competitions in Ming Chuan.
- 2、Hosting Unit: Physical Education Office
- 3、Competition Division: Men's Division
- 4、Qualification: All MCU students are allowed to participate in this competition representing their departments.
- 5、Date: December 14 2019 (Saturday)
- 6、Venue: Xinzhuang Cyonglin Softball Field, New Taipei
- 7、Registration Date: From now until 12:30 pm on October 29, 2019 (Friday); no late entries will be accepted.
- 8、Registration Mailbox: cheng@mail.mcu.edu.tw
Taoyuan Physical Education Office: Cheng, San-Chuan, Cellphone number:
0933-197-432
- 9、Registration Procedure: Fill out the registration form. No team may exceed 18 players including the captain, but not including the coach, manager, and team leader. Each team is required to prepare two registration forms with the same content。
- 10、Drawing of lots: The drawing of lots will take place at 12:10 pm on December 3, 2019 (Tuesday) at the Physical Education Office on Taoyuan Campus.
- 11、Leader Meeting: Team leaders' meeting will be held at the Physical Education Office on Taoyuan Campus at 12:10 pm on , December 3, 2019 (Tuesday).
- 12、Regulations:
 - (1) Competition Rules: 2019 international softball regulations
 - (2) Match Ball: Mizuno balls
 - (3) Competition system: 7 innings are played in each game; all rules and regulations are as follows:
 - (I) There is a 60-minute time regulation for each game (70 minutes for semi-finals and final); 'two strikes three balls' regulation and knock-out elimination are in use. The top four teams last year are seed teams this year.
 - (II) The game can finish early if one team leads the other by ten points in the fourth inning or seven points in the fifth inning.
 - (III) When the score is tied after all seven innings, a "sudden death" eighth inning is then played.
 - (IV) If a team forfeits in the middle of a game or violates any regulations of the game, the team is then disqualified from the competition.
 - (IV) If no representatives show up for the drawing, the draw will then be picked

by the unit in charge of the draft; no objections will be accepted.

13 · Competition Notes

- (1) Opening ceremony: On 8:45 am on December 14 , 2019, all teams must send at least 6 players to participate in the opening ceremony, or the team will be disqualified. Please be ready at the venue at 8:30 am.
- (2) Closing ceremony: The closing ceremony will start 10 minutes after the last game.
- (3) All athletes must be on time for all matches and must hand in their team list to the responsible unit at least 30 minutes before their game.
- (4) All athletes must have their student ID card with them for checking, no player will be allowed to play without presenting their student ID card.
- (5) No unregistered player may play in the competition.
- (6) All players must be attired similarly, or else they will not be able to participate in any games.
- (7) After the draft, team roster may not be changed.
- (8) When the match is delayed by rain, all matches played up to the fourth inning may close the game at the current score, if not; the game will be continued with that score at a different time. Team roster may not be changed.
- (9) All equipment must be prepared by individual teams, except for the game ball.
- (10) Departments with students who are admitted by recommendation for sports may only send two of these students to a competition.
- (11) All athletes must obey all rules and regulations, as well as obey the referee
The referee has the right to terminate any game.
- (12) Any issue not covered in the regulations or not announced in advance by the host will be evaluated then adjudicated by the referee committee.

14 · Prize: Top four teams will receive trophies. 1st place will receive NT\$5,000, 2nd NT\$3,000, 3rd NT\$2,000, 4th NT\$1,000. All players on the top four teams will receive merits from the University.

15 · Penalties:

- (1) In the case of any team with a player who does not match the regulations, the game will be discontinued and game results will not count. Any prize money or trophy must be returned to the University, and the case will be reported to the University for further punishment.
- (2) Players will be suspended and receive a 1st Level Demerit in accordance with clause 2 article 10 of Student Merit and Demerit Procedures if the players get into a brawl or insult referees.

16 · Rules:

- (1) The strike zone includes the home plate.
- (2) If a runner's helmet falls off (naturally or when sliding), that player is out. All other runs during that play are valid (with the exception of natural collisions); however, if the above out is the third out for the inning, no successive runs will

be scored for that play.

- (3) Only wooden bats are permitted.
- (4) When the team has less than ten people, the team may still play when the team has nine people. However, if ten are needed, no substitution is allowed. When the tenth to bat comes up, it is an automatic out.

17 - Protests:

- (1) If there are statements made in the rule book have two equal interpretations, the referee judgments are final. No appeals are permitted.
- (2) Any problems regarding player qualification must be brought up within one hour before the game, no further discussion will be entertained.
- (3) No technical problems are appealable. All games will be continued and all problems regarding refereeing can only be brought to the referee committee after the game. All rulings made during the game cannot be changed. Players will be disqualified if they violate this regulation.
- (4) The Referee Committee's decision is final.
- (5) There is a 4.5m safety boundary set for this competition. When running from third base to home plate, if the runner touches or goes outside the boundary, the player may not return to third base, but is out, even without being tagged by the ball. If the ball is caught at the plate before the runner arrives, the runner is out; if vice versa, the runner is safe and a point is scored.
- (6) Base sliding is not allowed when base runner is running back to the home base (except for run down). Violators will be out.

18 - Upon being ratified by the president, all regulations are final.

