

East Bridgewater Bicentennial Softball Tournament 2023

Information, Format & Rules

Sponsored by: Bluestone Bank

Presented by: The East Bridgewater Bicentennial Committee & The East Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Information

When: Saturday June 17, 2023

Where: EB Jr Sr HS Softball Fields

Time: First Pitch 9:00 AM

Teams: Open to all town employees and others

Sign up: recreationcommission@eastbridgewaterma.gov

Sign up information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Shirt size: _____

Dept / Team: _____

Tournament Format

- Bracket Play (2 brackets drawn at random)
- 6 (guaranteed 2 games) or 8 (guaranteed 3 games) teams of 9-12 players will be accepted - must register by 5/17/23
- At the end of bracket play the 1st place team in each division will play in the "Championship Game"
- Trophies and shirts will be presented for all participants

- Some equipment will be available- bats, refreshments etc

Game Format

- Each “Bracket Game” will be 3 full innings (or 2.5 if the home team is ahead) in length or 30 minutes (a top of an inning can not be started after the 25 minute mark)
- Bracket Games can not end in a tie - additional innings will be played until a winner is declared
- If a team is winning by 15 at the end of the second inning, the game will be stopped and the team in the lead will be declared the winner due to the mercy rule
- The “Championship Game” will be 3 full innings (or 2.5 if the home team is ahead) in length with no time limit and no mercy rule
- If the “Championship Game” is tied at the end of 3 innings, a new full inning will be played (and additional innings if needed) until a winner is declared at the end of an inning

Rules

- Final team rosters must be submitted by **June 10, 2023**
- Teams will have 9-12 players (9 will play on defense, all will play on offense) * All predicated on roster submittals and participation*
- All players on the roster must play in the bracket play to be eligible to play in the Championship Game (if it is determined this condition was not met the team will forfeit)
- Players are allowed to play in bracket play but not in Championship Game
- All team members must wear the same colored shirts
- Each player must play at least one inning of defense during each game (if it is determined a player has not met this condition the team will forfeit)

- All player must be in the lineup for the whole game (if a player needs to leave due to injury or another reason, they will be scratched from the lineup for the rest of the game)
- Metal cleats are not permitted
- Batters are not allowed to run on dropped third strikes
- No leading or stealing
- Runners must “tag up” on a fly ball
- Sliding is allowed
- Each pitch must have a perceptible arc and the ball must be visible at all times before the pitch
- 3 called strikes will be an out (foul balls can be the first two strikes)
- 4 called balls will be a walk
- 3 “outs” will determine the end of the inning
- Pitchers can be substituted and can re-enter the game
- Balls hitting the outfield net are playable
- Disrespect of the umpires, other teams, organizers or fans will not be tolerated and could result in a team forfeit and possible loss of job! 😊

****In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in and/or observing the East Bridgewater Bicentennial Softball Tournament, the town of East Bridgewater, The East Bridgewater Recreation Commission, The East Bridgewater Bicentennial Committee, East Bridgewater Public Schools, The East Bridgewater DPW and Blue Stone Bank shall not be responsible for any injuries or losses sustained by participants and/or observers during the East Bridgewater Bicentennial Softball Tournament.***

