



Hi Everyone,

On behalf of the EMSL committee I'd like to welcome you all to the EMSL Firstball 2016.

We hope you enjoy your day and good luck. This year we had 5 teams mark themselves as being at the Comp level (Which is B- to C+), the other 11 teams all opted to mark themselves as Rec. Because of this we have had to move some teams into the Comp part of the draw. There are 4 competitions to play for, so good luck and have fun.

There is a designated parking area for the softball teams at the venue. Please observe the instructions given. Do not just dump your car anywhere. If you are un-sure please ask.

Finally we would just like to thank the following people as without them there would be no tournament:

- All the umpires who will be calling your games today.
- Deli-licious Event Catering who will be located in the car park. Please support us and him by buying your food and refreshments from them.
- And finally those who have helped in the run up to today and for turning up early to help set up the pitches

Enjoy the day,

EMSL Committee

UMPIRES

Firstly, as we all know but sometimes forget, the umpires are stood behind the plate for your benefit and, just like players, none of them get it right 100% of the time but all are doing it to the best of their abilities to ensure you have a game...

This year we have 2 x full-time umpires – all BASU qualified - who have given up their day to come and umpire.

They'll be assisted by other local league umpires and I've allocated slots on the schedule for individual teams to provide an umpire for specific games. Ian Tomlin will send out the Umpiring Schedule before the Tournament.

Please remember we have some brand new umpires behind the plate this weekend and, whilst being new to it, they've only just gone through the BASU course one week ago, so their knowledge of the obscure rules is probably fresher in their minds than yours!!!

Please accept their decisions with good grace. Protests. If there is an issue with any interpretation of a rule (not a judgement call!) then only the Captain (or, if the Captain is in the outfield, then a delegated person in the infield) may wish to raise this in a calm manner on his/her own with the umpire and, if required, the opposition captain.

Due to the friendly nature of the tournament there will be no Protest procedure, but feel free to whinge at me until you feel better.

RULES

ISF Rules unless stated otherwise. Home team decided by toss of a coin, clicker, glove etc....

Full Count – ie all batters start on 0 Balls & 0 Strikes.

Ringer Rule

If you don't have enough of your own players (eg due to an injury suffered) you may borrow up to 2 players from another team(s) playing on the day. These players must play RF and/or C and bat at 9 and/or 10 in the order. If you have 2 ringers and neither can play at C due to the Male/Female Pitcher-Catcher requirement, then you will have to play one at RF and the other in the outfield too.

Timed Games

The time on the schedule will be the start of game time, whether the game starts on time or not (even if the umpire is delayed).

If the start is delayed then the game itself will be shorter to ensure subsequent games run to time.

No new innings will be called at 50 minutes. The game will then:

- End immediately if the home side is ahead and batting – do NOT bat out (Tip: If you really want to get more batting practice in then choose to be the away team if you win the toss!)
- End if the away team is batting and they then fail to go ahead by the end of their batted inning.
- Continue if the home side is batting and are behind. The game will end when the home team score the go ahead run (all runs in that ‘at bat’ will score) or the away team get the 3 x Outs required to end the home team’s inning before they go ahead.
- All games will end at 55 mins whatever and result will revert to last completed inning.

Ties will count in the Round Robin phase.

In the event of a tied game in the **semi final** after ball game is called the score will revert inning by inning until a winner is decided. If this does not determine a winner then the Team with the most points during Round Robin play will progress to the final. If this is ties it will be a toss of the coin by the tournament organiser.

In the event of a tie in the **final** after ball game is called then **ONE** elimination inning will take place. Both teams will get the chance to bat, with the last person to bat from the previous innings being placed on 2nd base. For this inning only. If no winner is determined after this inning then the scores will revert back until a Winner is found. If this does not determine a winner then the team with the most points in Round Robin play will win. If this does not determine a winner then it will be the Team who has conceded the least Runs during the entire day. Finally if no winner is determined then it will be a toss of the coin by the Tournament organiser.

Points will be scored in the round robin as follows:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

If teams are tied on points at the end of the round robin stage, positions will be decided in order by:

- Head-to-head results between the tied teams
- Fewest runs CONCEDED against those tied teams
- Fewest runs CONCEDED for all Round Robin games
- Toss of a coin or, if more than 2 teams, the drawing of lots

Each team is responsible for scoring their own team and for checking the score with the opposition after each inning.

RESULTS

The winning team is responsible for supplying the result of their game.

The information required is:

Team Names - Score - Male MVP - Female MVP

No text = no result!!

The above info should be text to **07958 544326** and delivered in person to the control tent.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All teams are guaranteed 4 x games and 8 teams will get a 5th game .

The teams finishing in first and second place in their group of the Round Robin will play the winner or second in the other group for the Cup competition. Third and Fourth placed teams will play against the Third and Fourth teams in the other group for the Plate

Prize-giving will be held immediately after the final at the Tournament Control Tent.

FIRST AID

There is no First Aid provision, however, should you need emergency assistance then please dial 999 and call an ambulance. If an ambulance is not required but the person does need hospital treatment, then the venue is equal distance between the 2 local hospitals which are;

Leicester Royal Infirmary, Infirmary Square, Leicester, LE1 5WW

QMC, Derby Road, Nottingham, NG7 2UH,

CATERING

Catering is provided Deli-licious Event Catering who have the following on offer from approx. 8am.

They'll be located in the car park. Please support us and them by using them for all your food and refreshments.

PITCH LAYOUT



CHARNWOOD COLLEGE

The address is:

Charnwood College,

Thorpe Hill,

Loughborough,

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LE11 4SQ