SWLAR Broker Bash Rules

Game Format

1. Games are 45 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first.
    - Championship Game: No time limit.
2. Tie Breaker: Last batted out starts on 2nd base in extra innings.
3. Mercy Rule:
    - 20 runs after 3 innings
    - 15 runs after 4 innings
    - 12 runs after 5 innings

Team Eligibility

1. Teams must be formed primarily by:
    - REALTORS®, Affiliates, or immediate family members (spouses, sons, daughters).
2. Each team may have up to 3 non-REALTOR® players who are not immediate family members.
    - Cost per non-REALTOR® player: $150 each.
3. Minimum of 8 players are required to start a game (at least 3 females).
    - If 9 or 10 players are available, normal roster rules apply.
4. A brokerage may register more than one team.
5. No player may be rostered on more than one team.

Teams & Rosters

1. Maximum of 10 players on defense, minimum of 8 players to field a team.
2. Batting order may include more than 9 players but no more than 2 males in a row.
3. Rosters capped at 15 players.
4. Late arrivals may be added at the bottom of the lineup as long as batting order rules are followed.

Pitching & Batting

1. One-pitch rule:
    - Ball = walk
    - Strike = batter must swing or is out
    - Foul ball = another pitch, but 3rd foul = out
2. Strike zone: Ball hitting mat/plate = strike.
3. Pitch must arc between 6–10 feet.
4. No bunting – must take a full swing.
5. Walks:
    - If a male is walked with less than 2 outs, he advances to 2nd base and female must bat.
    - With 2 outs, female may choose to bat or take 1st.
6. Any intentional hit directly at the pitcher may result in an ejection (umpire discretion).

Base Running

1. No lead-offs. Runners leave only when ball is hit.
2. Must slide or avoid contact on close plays (umpire discretion).
3. Courtesy Runners are allowed; a male for a male and a female for a female.
4. Runners must stay in the baseline; fielders must allow the path.
5. If injured and no subs are available, teams may continue with 8 players, but that spot in the order is an out.

Defense

1. Minimum of 3 females in the field each inning (2 infield, 1 outfield).
2. Teams may field 10 (with at least 4 in the outfield) or 9 (with at least 3 females).
3. Catcher/home plate cannot block the plate – runner has priority.
4. Free defensive substitutions allowed between innings.

Equipment & Attire

1. ASA or USSSA-approved bats allowed.
2. Tournament will provide game balls only.
3. No metal cleats; sneakers, turf shoes, or molded cleats only.
4. Matching uniforms not required, but team shirts/colors encouraged.

Conduct & Ejections

1. Zero tolerance for profanity, taunting, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
2. No alcohol allowed on the field or dugouts.
3. Any ejection = out in the lineup; player must leave playing area.
4. Umpire has final say in all calls and rulings.

Forfeits

- Team must field at least 8 players at game start.
- Using ineligible players (not REALTORS®, Affiliates, immediate family, or properly registered non-REALTOR® participants) = automatic forfeit.

Spirit of the Game

This is a charity fundraiser — play hard, play fair, and have fun. Remember: good sportsmanship is more important than the score.

SWLAR Broker Bash Important Rules to remember

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Team Eligibility & Rosters

- Teams made up of **REALTORS®, Affiliates, or immediate family**.
- Up to **3 non-REALTOR® players** allowed ($150 each).
- Must have **at least 8 players** to start (including **3 females**).
- **Max 15 players per roster**; no one can play on more than one team.
- Batting order: **no more than 2 males in a row.**

Pitching & Batting

- You start with a 1 ball and one strike count.
- **Pitch arc:** 6–10 feet; ball hitting mat/plate = strike.
- **No bunting;** full swing required.
- Walk rule: If a male walks with <2 outs → advances to 2nd; female must bat.
- Hitting intentionally at the pitcher = **possible ejection.**

Base Running & Defense

- **No lead-offs;** runners move when ball is hit.
- Must **slide or avoid contact** on close plays.
- **Courtesy runners allowed** (same gender).
- Minimum **3 females in the field each inning.**
- **Free defensive substitutions** between innings.

Equipment & Conduct

- **No wood bats**
- **No metal cleats.**
- **Drinking is never encouraged and done at your own risk**
- **Zero tolerance** for obscene profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- **Umpire's ruling is final.**

Forfeits

- Teams must field **at least 8 eligible players** at start.
- Using **ineligible players** = automatic forfeit.

Spirit of the Game

- REMEMBER- This is a **charity fundraiser**- play fair, have fun, and show great sportsmanship!