A COMMUNITY HOMERUN

Duck Soup Softball Tournament Rules
JOPLIN FAMILY YMCA

GENERAL RULES
1. Teams are awarded one bonus run (up to a maximum of 3) for every player who comes to a game dressed as Groucho Marx.
2. Teams are allowed one offensive and one defensive “do over.” A good example would be when (offensive) a player pops up or strikes out with bases loaded or (defensive) a grand slam home run.
3. In all innings, the batter making the Last Out Must Catch (Legal term for this is "Extremus Extra Deprehendo.")
4. A Home Run Bonus Coupon (HRBC) is presented to the umpire prior to the start of the game. The inning and the number of the HRBC batter that inning will then be indicated by the manager. If the HRBC batter reaches base safely, that batter will be awarded a home run.
5. There will be one designated home run hitter. If anyone else hits a home run it is an out.
6. Men must use short bats.
7. .44 core softballs must be used. (This will be checked.)
8. A team must include at least three girls and one guy with up to 12 players; if playing with 12 then a fourth girl must be added.
9. The seating of a single elimination tournament will be determined by “duck soup” games.

INNING-SPECIFIC RULES
• First Inning: Batters must bat with their non-dominant hand. Fielders must throw the ball underhanded.
• Second Inning: Batters must run backwards. Fielders must throw the ball to the catcher before the out is made.
• Third Inning: Defense players (except the pitcher) must switch positions after every batter and must switch to a position they have not yet played (similar to volleyball rotation). Runners must flap their arms and quack when crossing home plate, or the run does not count.
• Fourth Inning: Each player picks his defensive position out of a hat. Every batter must get a hit (no walks). One foul ball is allowed.
• Fifth Inning (Kickball): Can either throw ball at person or to base. (If you hit the person in the head, they are safe.)
• Sixth Inning: An extra base will be used for a total of 4 bases (plus home plate. Fielders must roll the ball on the ground.
• Seventh Inning: Batters must run the bases backwards (3rd, 2nd, 1st, home). Fielders must throw the ball to the catcher before there can be an attempt to get the runner out.