



**Venice Freedom Sports League
Women's Softball
All-Night Halloween Tournament
October 19-20, 2019**

Where: Englewood Sports Complex
Adult Softball Fields
1300 S River Rd
Englewood, FL 34223

General Info: Entry Fee: \$300 (Money Order or Certified Check only)
Payable to: Candice Roll

Plus 2 NEW Freedom 11" softballs (balls are available
for purchase at the registration table for \$7 each)

No refunds

Deadline to enter: Friday, October 11, 2019 (no exceptions)

Complete and return the tournament entry form and fee to:

Kara Eggenhofer 909 S Broadway, Englewood, FL 34223

Please contact Kara at kara4468@gmail.com for registration information

Awards: TBD based on number of teams entered

General Rules:

-1 pitch -foul ball is an out

-no strict uniform rules -players must represent one team only

-only Freedom Sports approved bats/softballs are allowed

(Freedom Sports equipment rules are attached, additional Freedom Sports
rules available at www.freedomsports.com)

-rosters must be turned in at least 30 minutes prior to your 1st game

-a win by default is considered a game played

-game time is also forfeit time

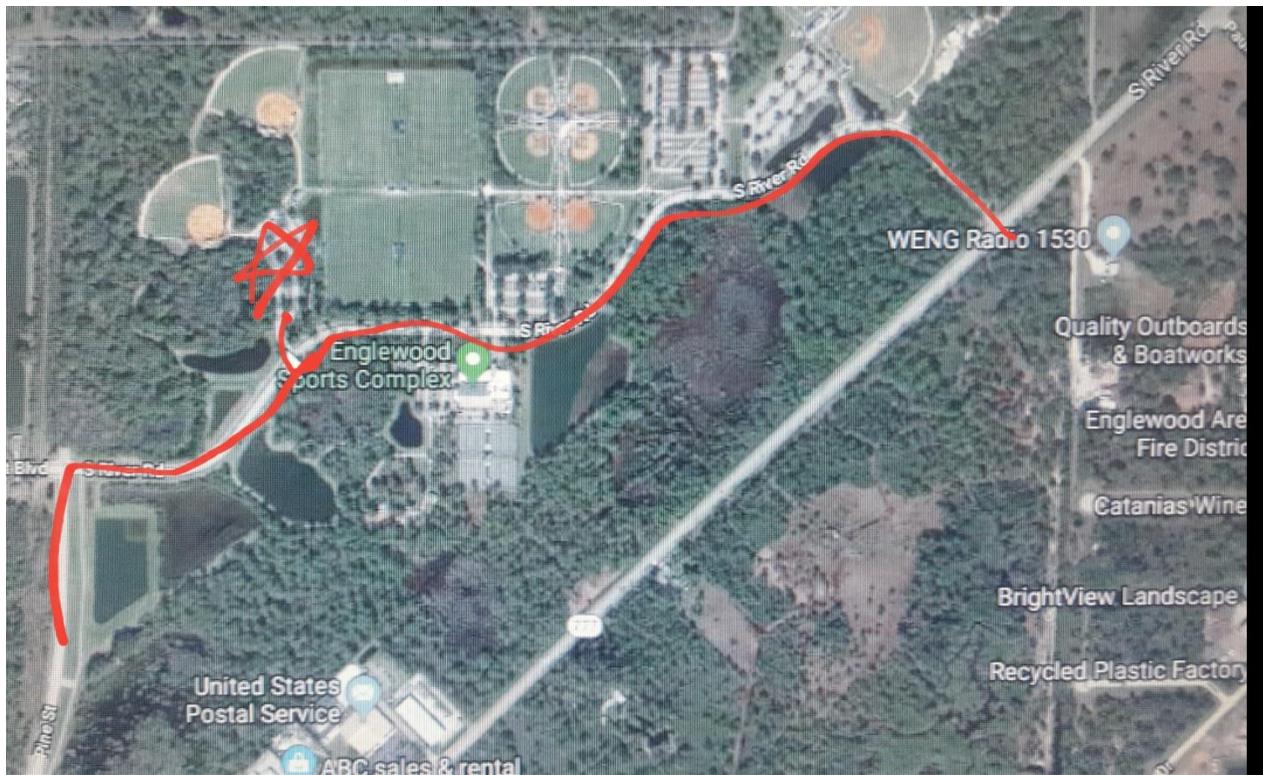
Camping: Overnight camping is available, no electric hookups

No ground campfires

Please return entry form with your tournament fees

Team Name:	
Manager:	
Address:	
Signature:	Date:
Email:	Phone:

The star is the location of the Adult Softball Fields



Additional Freedom Sports rules available at www.freedomsports.com.

RULE 3. EQUIPMENT All equipment must conform to industry standards and must not be altered in any way or form.

Sec. 1. OFFICIAL BAT - The approved bat shall not be more than 34 inches in length and no more than 38 ounces in weight the performance standard for all non-wooden bats will be a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.20, or less under the ASTM BPF testing procedure. The bat shall be made of aluminum, composite, fiberglass, or other such materials and shall meet FREEDOM SPORTS ASSOCIATION bat standards. The following will also apply: Freedom shall reciprocate the approval of all bats on the current USSSA approved bat list new and old stamp. Senior bats are not allowed in Freedom in any division, even if they are on the USSSA approved bat list. No ASA only bats are allowed in the play of Freedom Sports or ANY bat that does not allow testing in the FSA method. Any bat not identifiable by the markings on the bat as an approved bat or with any visible cracks, shall be considered illegal. In addition:

Approved Bat Companies (any company not on this list please reach out to national office to get your company certified and Freedom Sports stamp requirements)

1. Miken
2. Mizuno
3. Worth
4. Louisville slugger
5. Demarini – (Aftermath & Flipper are UNAPPROVED However)
6. Easton

A. KNOB CUFF: Players are free to use knob cuffs. Cuffs are not required to be taped over.

B. BARRELL: Any bat with a foreign substance such as spray glue, stick'em, pine tar or any other substance that may help the bat grip the ball will be removed from the game at the umpire's discretion and may not be used for the remainder of the tournament.

C. INSPECTION: During all FREEDOM play, any Umpire, UIC, or Director has the right to request the inspection of any bat or ball that is brought into the sports complex. If a bat is found to be altered or player is unsure of bat's status, the player will have (3) two options:

1. Admit that the bat has been altered, give the bat up to be destroyed, and take an immediate 1- year suspension. Player must make that decision before leaving event.
2. Allow us to test the bat. If the bat fails compression testing, the bat will be sent to the manufacturer for a formal determination on why the bat failed the compression test. Should the bat be found to be altered, the player will receive an immediate 5-year suspension. If the bat passes compression testing, the bat shall be returned immediately. Any refusal to allow us to test a bat shall result in an immediate 5-year suspension. Suspensions shall be binding on the person swinging the bat as well as the bat owner.
3. If player chooses not to agree to inspection, the player will receive an immediate five-year suspension with no eligible appeal.

D. PUBLIC NOTICE: The user and/or owner's name of any bat found to be altered shall be posted on the FREEDOM SPORTS ASSOCIATION national website for the public to view. www.FreedomSports.com

E. BAT PROTEST FEE: For a protest fee of \$50.00, a team may protest an opposing team player's bat (or ball). If the bat is tested and fails compression testing, the fee shall be returned to person who protested. If bat or ball passes test, FREEDOM SPORTS ASSOCIATION shall retain fee. The protest must be made before the umpire leaves the field of play at the completion of the game. Any team caught with an altered bat shall be forfeited from the tournament, placed last in the standings, and shall forfeit all points and prizes.

F. ALTERED BAT - A bat is considered to be altered when the physical structure of a legal bat has been changed, or a non-approved bat has been changed to resemble a legal bat. Using any process that exerts more pressure on a bat than is experienced during normal play, such as rolling or shaving a bat, is considered altering a bat. In the event a bat is suspected of being altered:

1. Freedom Sports Association Directors may at any time ask to inspect any bat that has been brought into the sanctioned Freedom event.
2. Any player can withhold the bat from inspection and accept a five-year suspension and must leave the sanctioned event. Second time offenders will accept a lifetime suspension from all Freedom sanctioned events.
3. If after a bat has been inspected by a director and deemed potentially altered, the owner may allow Freedom to send the bat for further testing to determine whether the bat has actually been altered. When a bat is sent for further testing, Freedom will allow that said player/owner the right to continue to participate in any Freedom sanctioned events. However, if a bat fails all testing and is determined to be altered, that said player/owner would be subject to a minimum of a one (1) year suspension to a max of a five (5) year suspension for first time offenders. Any second time offenders will be subject to a lifetime suspension from all Freedom Sports Association sanctioned events. Freedom's National Director's will determine all suspensions. NOTE: Any bat determined to be altered will be retained by Freedom Sports and destroyed. Freedom Sports will not replace any destroyed altered bats.
4. If any bat is determined not to be altered, the bat will be returned to the owner with no suspensions given.

Sec. 2. OFFICIAL BALL - The official ball of Freedom Sports Association will be spherical in design, shall have raised seams and be smooth in surface and be 11 or 12 inches in circumference. The center or core of the ball shall be of material approved by Freedom Sports and customarily used to make softballs. The cover shall be made of horsehide, cowhide, or other material approved by Freedom Sports and shall be cemented to the core. The official ball shall be stitched with customarily used material (nylon, cotton, linen) or a material approved by Freedom Sports. The official ball cover color shall be optic yellow. The ball must be stamped with the Freedom Logo or have "Freedom Sports" clearly marked on it and no other logo ball shall be used unless approved by the National office. The maximum compression/core for Freedom Sports Adult Slow Pitch balls shall be 44-425. NOTE: The men's division will use the twelve (12) inch softball. The women's division will use the eleven (11) inch softball. Co-Ed Divisions will use both balls with the men hitting the (12) inch softball and the women hitting the (11) inch softball. Altered balls- if a ball has been put in a cooler, frozen, re-stitched or stamped the team will be forfeited from the game and possibly suspended from Freedom Sports play.

Sec 3. GLOVES/MITTS. All defensive players must wear a glove in the field. Gloves must be no more than 15 inches in height, uniform in color (no optic yellow), be made of leather or other approved material and contains no circles or writing on the outside that will give the appearance of a ball. Any glove not meeting these requirements will be considered illegal and removed from the game of play.

Sec 4. FOOTWEAR. All individuals in the field of play must wear shoes. No sandals will be allowed. Shoes must be made of leather, canvas, nylon, plastic or other similar material. Cleats must have either modeled plastic (soft or hard cleats) or have a smooth surface. Metal cleats or spikes are prohibited. NOTE: If an offensive player is found to be wearing metal cleats or spikes during the game, an out will be declared for that player. And runners must return to their previously occupied base. The umpire will request the player to change into proper footwear. If a player is unable to or unwilling to change, said player will be ejected from game.