

CP Softball -- HR Derby 2026

The CP Softball board will again be sponsoring a HR Derby competition for 2026. This year, we are adding a third division. In addition to the men's "open" and men's "senior" divisions, we will be adding a women's division. Dates for the Preliminary Round and the Final Round are listed below.

- Women's Division – This will be open to any female 50 years of age or older on opening day (Jan 5, 2026)
- Men's Open Division – This will be open to anyone 50 years of age or older on opening day (Jan 5, 2026)
- Men's Senior Division – This will be open to anyone 75 years of age or older on opening day (Jan 5, 2026)

Registration Date(s) –

- February 16 & 18, 2026 (registration forms will be available near Tiki Hut) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- February 21, 2026 (during the Can Am Games) – near Tiki Hut
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm before preliminary round at Field 2

Cost – Free

Eligibility – Any participant must be a registered member of CP Softball (in good standing)

Equipment –

- Softballs will be standard 11" or 12" softballs used in CP league
- Any standard softball bats will be allowed (USA, ASA, USSSA, Senior Softball, or CP Approved Bats)

Pitcher – Participants can select their own pitcher (or one will be provided if they do not have a preferred pitcher).

Awards – Champion (from each division) will win the CP Softball Home Run Derby Trophy

Preliminary Rounds:

- Men's Open Division – Tuesday, March 3, 2025, at 2:30 pm on Field 2
- Men's Senior Division – Tuesday, March 3, 2025, following Open Division on Field 2
- Women's Division – Tuesday, March 3, 2025, following Senior Division on Field 2

Final Round (only top 5 from Preliminary Round):

- Women's Division – Saturday, March 7, 2026, before the 1st All-Star Game on Field 1
- Men's Senior Division – Saturday, March 7, 2026, between the 1st and 2nd All-Star Games on Field 1
- Men's Open Division – Saturday, March 7, 2026, between the 2nd and 3rd All-Star Games on Field 1

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Competition Rules Details – Men's Open Division

Preliminary Round – Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 2:30 pm on Field 2

- Participants and pitchers will be allowed to warm-up on Field 3 prior to the start of the Preliminary Round.
- At 2:30 pm, all registered participants (and pitchers) for the **Men's Open Division** will meet in the 3rd base dugout on Field 2 to:
 - Go over rules and answer questions
 - Draw a number for the order you will hit
 - Any participant who does not show up for this meeting will not be considered for the competition (there will be time given to participants playing a playoff game on field 1)

Rules:

- Each hitter will be given 10 swings.
- The result of each swing will be an HR (over the fence) scoring 1 point or an out (scoring 0 points).
- Balls clearing the fence but hitting the netting above the fence will be considered a Home Run.
- Swing and miss, foul balls, and anything falling short of the fence will be an out.
- Any pitch that a batter does not swing at will not count towards his 10 swings.
- At the end of the preliminary round, scores will be tallied, and the top five participants will move on to the Final Round.
- If there are ties that prevent the advancement of five participants, then the participants tied for the last spot(s) will have a hit-off for the final spot(s). Each will be given 5 swings until the field is narrowed down to five participants. They will continue to hit in the order they drew for the Preliminary Round.
- Advancing participants will be seeded from 1-5 for the Final Round. This will determine their hitting order for the Final Round (5th seed hitting first, then 4th seed, then 3rd seed, then 2nd seed, and 1st seed).
- Any ties within the top 5 will be determined by the player batting first to get the higher seed (i.e. if the 1st hitter and the 10th hitter each finish tied for 2nd place, then the 1st hitter will be the 2nd seed and the 10th hitter will be the 3rd seed).

Final Round – Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Field 1

- Final Round will be held between the 2nd and 3rd games of the CP Softball All-Stars.
- A practice session for participants and pitchers will be held on field 2 during the 2nd All-Star Game.
- Participants will bat in reverse order of their standings from the preliminary round (i.e. 5th place will bat first and 1st place will bat last).
- Rules will be the same as the Preliminary Round.
 - Participants will each be given 10 swings.
 - HR is 1 point and anything else is 0 points for each swing.
- After all 5 participants have had 10 swings, the two participants with the most HR's from the Final Round will have a hit-off for the Championship. They will each get 5 more swings to determine the winner. Scores reset for this final hit-off. Players will continue to bat in the same order.
- If the score is tied after the hit-off, each participant will continue to get 5 more swings until a Champion is determined.

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Competition Rules/Details – Men's Senior Division

Preliminary Round – Tuesday, March 3, 2026, on Field 2 (following the Open Division)

- Participants and pitchers will be allowed to warm-up on Field 3 prior to the start of the Preliminary Round.
- Upon the completion of the Men's Open Division Preliminary Round, all registered players (and pitchers) for the **Men's Senior Division** will meet in the 3rd base dugout on Field 2 to:
 - Go over rules and answer questions
 - Draw a number for the order you will hit
 - Any participant who does not show up for this meeting will not be considered for the competition (there will be time given to participants playing a playoff game on field 1)

Rules:

- Each hitter will be given 10 swings.
- **Home Runs for this division will be any fair ball that clears the 150' line in the outfield on a fly.**
- The result of each swing will be a HR (over the 150' line) scoring 1 point or an out (scoring 0 points).
- Swing and miss, foul balls, and anything falling short of the 150' line will be an out.
- Any pitch that a batter does not swing at will not count towards his 10 swings.
- At the end of the preliminary round, scores will be tallied, and the top five participants will move on to the Final Round.
- If there are ties that prevent the advancement of five participants, then the participants tied for the last spot(s) will have a hit-off for the final spot(s). Each will be given 5 swings until the field is narrowed down to five participants. They will continue to hit in the order they drew for the Preliminary Round.
- Advancing participants will be seeded from 1-5 for the Final Round. This will determine their hitting order for the Final Round (5th seed hitting first, then 4th seed, then 3rd seed, then 2nd seed, and 1st seed).
- Any ties within the top 5 will be determined by the player batting first to get the higher seed (i.e. if the 1st hitter and the 10th hitter each finish tied for 2nd place, then the 1st hitter will be the 2nd seed and the 10th hitter will be the 3rd seed).

Final Round – Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Field 1

- Final Round will be held between the 1st and 2nd games of the CP Softball All-Stars.
- A practice session for participants and pitchers will be held on field 2 during the 1st All-Star Game.
- Participants will bat in reverse order of their standings from the preliminary round (i.e. 5th place will bat first and 1st place will bat last).
- Rules will be the same as the Preliminary Round.
 - Participants will each be given 10 swings.
 - HR is 1 point and anything else is 0 points for each swing.
 - Home Run is defined as a fair ball hit over the 150' line in the outfield on a fly.
- After all 5 participants have had 10 swings, the two participants with the most HR's from the Final Round will have a hit-off for the Championship. They will each get 5 more swings to determine the winner. Scores reset for this final hit-off. Players will continue to bat in the same order.
- If the score is tied after the hit-off, each participant will continue to get 5 more swings until a Champion is determined.

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Competition Rules/Details – Women’s Division

Preliminary Round – Tuesday, March 3, 2026, on Field 2 (following the Men’s Senior Division)

- Participants and pitchers will be allowed to warm-up on Field 3 prior to the start of the Preliminary Round.
- Upon the completion of the Men’s Senior Division Preliminary Round, all registered players (and pitchers) for the **Women’s Division** will meet in the 3rd base dugout on Field 2 to:
 - Go over rules and answer questions
 - Draw a number for the order you will hit
 - Any participant who does not show up for this meeting will not be considered for the competition

Rules:

- Each hitter will be given 10 swings (using the standard women’s 11” softball).
- **Home Runs for this division will be any fair ball that clears the 150’ line in the outfield on a fly.**
- The result of each swing will be a HR (over the 150’ line) scoring 1 point or an out (scoring 0 points).
- Swing and miss, foul balls, and anything falling short of the 150’ line will be an out.
- Any pitch that a batter does not swing at will not count towards his 10 swings.
- At the end of the preliminary round, scores will be tallied, and the top five participants will move on to the Final Round.
- If there are ties that prevent the advancement of five participants, then the participants tied for the last spot(s) will have a hit-off for the final spot(s). Each will be given 5 swings until the field is narrowed down to five participants. They will continue to hit in the order they drew for the Preliminary Round.
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Final Round – Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Field 1

- Final Round will be held before the 1st game of the CP Softball All-Stars.
- A practice session for participants and pitchers will be held on field 2 before the 1st All-Star Game.
- Participants will bat in reverse order of their standings from the preliminary round (i.e. 5th place will bat first and 1st place will bat last).
- Rules will be the same as the Preliminary Round.
 - Participants will each be given 10 swings.
 - HR is 1 point and anything else is 0 points for each swing.
 - Home Run is defined as a fair ball hit over the 150’ line in the outfield on a fly.
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