

Tomato Wars Rules

1. Open to all individuals who are willing and able to field a team. Groups will be divided into three different age groups AGES: 12 AND UNDER WILL START AT 10:00 A.M., AGES: 13-16 IMMEDIATELY AFTER, AGES:17-25 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, 26-49 IMMEDIATELY AFTER, AND AGES 50 AND UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER, or those individuals who do not have a team, they will be placed on a team of their age group. EVERYONE WHO SIGNS UP IN A TIMELY MANNER WILL GET TO PLAY.
2. Teams will consist of 5 members, male and/or female. Team members under the age of 18 must provide their parents/guardians signature. Teams must fill out an application completely before participation. Each team can have 1 alternate (if they advance up in the wars), but no one may be subbed in after a match begins.
3. An entrance fee will be \$5.00 per team member, a total of \$25.00 per team. All monies go directly to Yoke Youth Ministry. Trophies will be awarded to first place in the age group 12 and under, 1st place in age group 13-16, 1st place in age group 17-25 age group, 1st place in the 26-49 age group and 1st place in the 50 and up. Sunday's trophy will be awarded to the family division team.
4. All participants should wear light colored T-shirts and will be provided with a fixed amount of well-ripened tomato ammunition. THE ONLY AMMUNITION YOU CAN USE, WILL BE THOSE THAT ARE PROVIDED. Any attempt to circumvent this rule will bring immediate disqualification.
5. A team member will be considered "dead" when there is evidence of a direct hit on his/her shirt. Hits elsewhere will be considered "wounding." The amount of ammunition will be limited to eliminate excessive "wounding."
6. Disputes will be settled by the referees and their decisions are final. When the whistle blows, all play stops.
7. Absolutely NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WILL BE PERMITTED between contestants.
8. All teams must have a "name," and stay at the infield site and be prepared to battle when their age group and team are called. If not, this could result in a forfeit.
9. Each match will last until all players are "dead" or 30 minutes have elapsed.
10. All participants should use safety glasses, unless you sign a waiver stating it is your decision not to wear them during the war.
11. All combatants will act in a respectful manner, personal physical violence and excessive use of unsavory language will not be tolerated, this could result in that team member being ejected from the war.
12. Your signed application constitutes an agreement on your part to abide by all of the above rules.
13. Every effort is being made to make this a much better Tomato Wars than in previous years.