

Men's Softball Rules at a Glance

1. Each team must have a minimum of eight (8) players prepared to participate at all times.
2. Umpires fees (\$16 per game per team) must be paid by the start of the 2nd inning
3. If a team is unable to play a scheduled game and notifies the adult sports office 24 hours prior to the game, the game will be cancelled. Cancellations within the 24 hour period will be considered a forfeit.
4. Lead-offs will be allowed after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. The ball will be live and pick-offs from the catcher (touching the base is all that is needed, no tags necessary) are possible. On an attempted pick-off, if the ball leaves the perimeter of the infield, the runners may advance **WITHOUT RETOUCHING THE BASE**.
5. Player suspensions will be two (2) games. Any player suspended twice will be ineligible for the remainder of the season and possibly the next season(s).
- 6. Courtesy runners will be allowed at an UNLIMITED BASIS.**
7. Pitching height limits will be 6 to 12 feet.
8. In the case of an illegal pitch ALL UMPIRES ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE A PHYSICAL AS WELL AS A VERBAL SIGNAL.
9. In the event that an umpire fails to show for a game, TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNATING AN UMPIRE TO OFFICIATE THE GAME. Failure of a team to agree will result in forfeiture of the game.
10. The injured player rule will be as follows: IF THE TEAM DOES NOT HAVE A SUB AND THE INJURED PLAYERS SPOT IN THE BATTING ORDER COMES UP, ***AN OUT WILL BE ASSESSED THE FIRST TIME THROUGH THE ORDER ONLY***.
11. If, after the completion of seven (7) innings or at the end of **60 minutes**, the game score is tied, the next inning, as well as all succeeding innings, will begin with each team putting a runner at second base. The runner will be the last **BATTER** of the previous inning.
12. If after the completion of 4 ½ or 5 innings a team is ahead by 12 runs or more, the game is over INCLUDING PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.
13. There is no maximum number of runs per inning!
14. THE DROP DEAD RULE *ONLY* APPLIES FOR QUALIFYING GAMES!!
15. There is a 15 minute "grace" period for the 1st scheduled game only otherwise forfeit time is game time.
- 16. Managers will be held accountable for the actions of their players and/or fans.**
17. Each batter will begin an at bat with a 1 & 1 count ***no waste pitch***. The batter fouls out.
18. Teams MIGHT be required to pay TWO (2) umpires (If provided) in championship games.
19. Team rosters are due the night of THE FIRST OFFICAL GAME OF THE SEASON. No additions can be made to a roster after the **completion** of the fourth game of the season.
20. In order for a player to participate in (1) The last two games of the season and/or (2) The Playoffs, he must have participated in two of the first eight games of the regular season.
21. Reminder: At no time will a team be forced to play three (3) games in one night, this includes the playoffs.
- 22. Females are ABSOULTLY NOT ALLOWED to play in the Men's Division.**
- 23. Teams are required to pay TWO (2) umpires (If provided) in championship games.**
- 24. Consumption of alcoholic Beverages will not be allowed!! If a team is found to be drinking in or near the dugout they will automatically forfeit the game and face a possible suspension.**

ANY bat not approved by the most recent ASA approved bats list as well as any bat altered to *appear* to be in compliant of local rules will result in a player and /or team's one (1) year suspension from league play.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY PARK FACILITY