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Sunday Mixed League Fall 2022

Game Rules USSSA Adult Slow Pitch Softball

The Sunday Mixed League will play by the rules of the **United States Specialty Sports Association** as specified in the 2022 Official USSSA Slow Pitch Playing Rules and By-laws with the exception of the following modifications:

1. SCOREKEEPING/LINE-UPS:

- A) Home team is the Official Scorebook. If the Home team is unable to have an official scorebook and the Visiting team does, the Visiting team will become the Official Scorebook.
- B) Players first and/or last name must be listed (no nick names or #'s). If there are multiple same first names, last name must also be listed.
- C) **Coach who knowingly list an incorrect name on a lineup is grounds for a 1 YEAR SUSPENSION from participating and a LIFETIME BAN from COACHING.**

2. GAME LENGTH:

- A) Game is limited to **7 innings or a Time Limit of 1 hour 5 minutes**, whichever comes first.
- B) **Time Limit begins immediately at the conclusion of the pre-game coaches meeting and cannot be protested. Coaches are responsible for confirming start time, monitoring and confirming time with the umpire.**
- C) No new inning may begin AFTER 1 hour and 5 minutes has expired.
- D) A new inning "starts" immediately after the third out is made.
- E) **A game will END IN A TIE if the game time limit has expired and the score is tied.**
- F) The game will CONTINUE if the score is tied but the time limit has not expired (refer to rule #3).

3. TIE-BREAKER/EXTRA INNING GAME AND TIME LIMIT HAS NOT EXPIRED:

- A) Last out of the previous inning will be placed on second base for the start of the inning.
- B) This procedure will follow until a winner is determined at the END OF A COMPLETE INNING.

4. BALL REQUIREMENTS:

- A) Each team must provide their own ball while on offense.
- B) Men: **12" ball** optic **YELLOW** cover w/USSSA or GSL & Classic M or Classic Plus logo.
- C) Women: **11" ball** optic **YELLOW** cover w/USSSA or GSL & Classic W logo.
- D) Penalty for use of illegal ball; 1st time-Warning, 2nd time-Game forfeit.

5. BATS:

- A) Only "Official Softball" bats from authorized manufactures with permanent and visible USSSA and BPF 1.20 markings, will be allowed for use in league play.
- B) Any player, who steps in the batter's box ready to play, using an unapproved or altered bat, will be Immediately ejected from the game. The umpire has sole discretion to allow or disallow a bat.

6. WALK TO A MALE BATTER:

On a walk to a male batter, he receives first and second base. The next batter has the option of hitting or automatically receiving first base. She must decide before the first pitch is thrown to her.

7. MERCY RULE:

15 run Mercy Rule will be enforced after (5) innings or 5 ½ if the Home team is ahead 15+.

17. **CONCUSSION PROTOCOL:**
If a player or coach is struck in the head area with any significant force and exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance), they shall be immediately removed from the game.
18. **NO ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR SMOKING (including e-cigarettes):**
Participant(s) observed violating any of the above items on the field or in the dugout will be ejected.
19. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/ABUSE OF PARK PROPERTY:**
Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or abuse of park property will result in a game **EJECTION** & a one game suspension.
20. **1st BASE SAFETY BASE:**
- A) On the INITIAL THROW to First Base from the infield or outfield, the Batter-Runner **MUST TOUCH** the orange portion of the base and not the white (**exception:** The Batter-Runner running toward First Base may cross over to the white bag to **AVOID** a **COLLISION** if a **WILD THROW** forces the fielder in the path of the Batter-Runner).
 - B) The Batter-Runner will be **CALLED OUT** if the orange portion is NOT USED.
 - C) The defensive player **MUST** always touch the white portion (exception: **the defensive player may cross over to the orange bag to AVOID a COLLISION if a WILD THROW forces the defensive player in the path of the batter-runner**).
 - D) Umpires judgment is FINAL and cannot be appealed.
 - E) **THIS RULE IS IN EFFECT ONLY ON THE INITIAL PLAY AT FIRST BASE.** If the Base Runner uses the orange portion any time after the initial attempt at First Base and IS NOT IN CONTACT with the white portion then he/she is considered in foul territory, off the base and in jeopardy of being put out by the defense (i.e. Re-tag to advance on a fly ball or returning to the base after over running).
21. **DUG-OUT RULE:**
- A) Only players & coaches listed on the team roster are allowed in the dug-out and/or bench area.
 - B) Only 1 on-deck batter and two base coaches are allowed out of the dugout.
 - C) If the umpire has to stop the game because players are out of the dugout, he/she will warn the coach and then start ejecting players.
22. **PROTESTED GAME:**
- A) Protest CANNOT be filed for judgment calls. Examples include: whether a ball was Fair or Foul, a Pitched ball was a Ball or Strike and/or a Base Runner was Safe or Out.
 - B) A \$25 protest fee must be included when the protest is filed with the League Director. If the Protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded. If the protest is rejected; the protest fee will Be retained.
 - C)

<u>REASON FOR PROTEST</u>	<u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>
1. Use of player(s) that does not meet eligibility requirements (refer to Softball By-Laws rule #7)	Contact League Director within 48 the completion of the game.
2. Rule interpretation during scheduled game.	File protest with game umpire BEFORE the next legal pitch, intentional walk, or unfairly delivered pitch. Next, contact League Director within 48 hours of completed game.
23. **DOG(S) BROUGHT TO GAMES:**
For the safety of players, spectators and umpires, dog(s) brought to the softball field **MUST** be on a leash (**BMC 7.15.010**) and CONTROLLED at all times (tying/tethering your dog(s) to the fence is NOT considered on a leash) or the participant responsible will not be allowed to play.