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Spring 2021 Adult Slowpitch Softball Men's/Women's/Church Leagues Game Rule Changes

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) Player's 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 given.
 - C) **Coach who knowingly list an incorrect name on the line-up is grounds for a 1 YEAR SUSPENSION from PARTICIPATING and LIFETIME BAN from COACHING.**
2. **GAME LENGTH:**
 - A) Games are limited to **7 innings or a Time Limit of 1 hour and 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 the 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) If the game Time Limit has expired and the score is tied, a **TIE GAME** will be declared.
 - F) If the game Time Limit has NOT expired and the score is tied, the game will continue.
3. **MERCY RULE:**
15 Run Mercy Rule will be enforced after (5) complete innings (unless home team is ahead 15+).
4. **FLIP-FLOP RULE:**
If the Home Team is trailing by 10 or more runs at the end of the 6th inning or 55 minute mark, the home team will exchange home & visitor status. This will bring the former home team to bat in the top of the 7th inning and if necessary, the former visiting team to bat in the bottom of the 7th inning.
5. **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 balance, headache, dizziness or confusion), they shall be immediately removed for the remainder of that game.
6. **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.