



# PARKS & RECREATION ATHLETICS DIVISION

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## Spring 2021 Adult Slowpitch Softball Sunday Mixed League 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning and if necessary, the former visiting team to bat in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.