

HUNTINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2019 MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

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1. A.S.A. rules will govern league and tournament play.
2. All players must be 16 years of age by May 14th, 2019, to be eligible to play in the league.
3. Players must play in at least 2 of the regular season games to be eligible for post-season tournament play. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. Rosters are limited to 20 players and are due the week of May 27. Managers are responsible for seeing that only roster players play in the league.
5. A player is considered a member of the first team he plays with. If he quits that team, he is ineligible to join another team in this league.
6. All teams are responsible for providing their own scorekeeper to keep the league's official scorebook, which will list each player by first initial followed by last name. **NO NICKNAMES, PLEASE!** It is the coach's responsibility to make sure the correct name of each player is in the book. If a name is listed incorrectly, that player will not receive credit for that game. The coach will also be responsible for checking the scorebook after each inning to make sure runs are recorded correctly.
7. Teams may start and play with a minimum of eight players. An unoccupied batting position due to an ejection will be considered an out when that spot in the order comes to bat. If for any reason other than ejection, simply skip over that spot in the batting order without an out being recorded. Less than eight players at anytime will be declared a forfeit. If a player arrives after the game has started, he may join the team as soon as he is prepared to play. However, a team may not add a player as an extra hitter who is late.
8. If a player is caught using an NSA banned bat, he will be ruled out. If any player on the same team is caught again during the same game with an illegal bat, he will be ejected from the game.
- 9. If a player is ejected from a game for any reason, he is ineligible for the next game his team plays. Depending upon the severity of the incident, a player may be suspended for multiple games. Suspension length will be determined by the league coordinator and Parks Department officials. We also have a \$25 reinstatement fee for any ejected player. This must be paid to the parks department office before a player is eligible to play again. Any striking or pushing of an umpire will result in expulsion from further league and tournament play.**
10. Every batter will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count.
11. Each team is allowed one courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner may be anyone BUT if the person comes up to bat while on the bases he will be declared out as the batter.
12. Home teams will be listed first on the schedule. **If a team does not have 8 players they may forfeit being home for the game and become visitors. If the team does not have the required number of players at the end of the top half of the first inning it will then be declared a forfeit.**
13. Each team is responsible for providing their own softballs at each game and they will receive 7 new balls at the beginning of the season. The balls must be Hot Dot 52 COR, 300 compression.
- 14. Use of the pitching screen is mandatory!** The leg of the screen must be within 2 feet in front of the pitching rubber. If a batted ball hits the pitching screen, it will be considered an out. If a fielder throws the ball and the ball hits the pitching screen, it will be considered a dead ball and runners will advance according to the umpire's judgment.

15. No new inning will start after 55 minutes unless the game is tied. If tied, the game will continue until a winner is decided.
16. A 15 run rule after 3 innings, a 12 run rule after 4 innings and a 10 run rule after 5 innings will be enforced. There will be a home run limit of 4. Any home runs hit above the limits will be considered an out. Bases do not have to be touched after a home run is hit.
17. If a game is called due to inclement weather and is not past the 3rd inning, that game will be played over at a later date to be determined by the Parks Department. If the game is past the 3rd inning when it is called for weather, the game will be complete.
18. Rainouts will be rescheduled on available dates. Games may be moved to other diamonds. It is the manager's responsibility to know when their game is rescheduled and inform players. Managers should call the Parks Department office at 358-2323 for information on rainouts; check our website or our facebook page.
19. Sponsor trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place teams in league. Tournament champion will receive a sponsor trophy as well.
20. The post-season tournament will be single elimination.
21. No metal cleats will be allowed in this league.
22. A casual profanity rule will be enforced in this league if, in the umpire's judgement, it can be heard by spectators. The team will receive a warning first, and then on the second offense, an out will be called. One team warning will be given per game. If on the defense, the first batter up for that team will be declared out. If on the offense, it will be treated like interference and the offender will be declared out and all runners will return to the last base touched at the time of the infraction. If this occurs prior to the batter-runner being put out, regardless if fair or foul, a delayed dead ball call will be made. If caught in the air, the batter-runner will be declared out on the catch and the next scheduled batter will be declared out for the infraction (even if carried over to the next inning). No runners will be allowed to advance.
23. No intoxicants of any kind, including, but not limited to wine, beer, ale or any other alcoholic beverages shall be brought onto, consumed, sold or given away on park property. (Parks and Recreation Chapter 99 Section 99.03 Ord. 15-C-94, passed 08-09-94).
24. Any decisions or changes made by the league coordinator and/or the Parks Department will be final!