

# Papillion Recreation Department Coed Softball Rules and Regulations

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## **POSTPONEMENTS:**

The team manager is responsible for calling the weather hotline at 402-597-2061 for any cancellations. Once the game begins, the decision whether or not to play is made by the officials. All postponed games may only be rescheduled by the Papillion Recreation Department if time allows. Determination of field conditions will be available after 3:30 p.m. for weekday and weekend games.

## **FORFEIT PROCEDURES:**

Team managers must notify the Recreation Department at least 24 hours in advance for Thursday night games, and 48 hours in advance for Sunday night games, if they wish to forfeit a game. If this procedure is not followed, that team will be assessed both teams official's fees, which must be paid before they next game or that game will result in a forfeit. If fees are not paid within (2) weeks, that team will be removed from the league. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **LEAGUE PLAY:**

### **Spring/Summer Leagues:**

We will have (2) divisions of play for both Thursday and Sunday Leagues. All games will be played at Petersen Softball Complex located at 1001 E. First Street. At the conclusion of the regular season, a tournament will be played for both divisions to determine the winners of the leagues. The end of season tournaments will be seeded by the end of the regular season standings.

### **Fall Leagues:**

We will have (2) divisions of play for both Thursday and Sunday Leagues. All games will be played at Petersen Softball Complex located at 1001 E. First Street. At the conclusion of the regular season a final position night will be played to determine the league champion.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

**(All leagues will follow the ASA rule book with the exceptions and clarifications below.)**

### **GAME BALL**

- ◆ Each team will be provided a dozen softballs to begin the season.
- ◆ Both Men and Women will use a 12" .44 core maximum compression of .400, optic yellow or white cover, any color stitching.
- ◆ All softballs must be approved by an umpire.

### **BATS**

- ◆ All bats must have an ASA sticker on them and must be approved by an umpire.

### **UNIFORM**

- ◆ Players may wear tennis shoes or cleats, no metal spikes allowed.
- ◆ Appropriate attire is expected; shoes and shirts are required.

### **LENGTH OF GAME**

- ◆ A complete game is 7 innings of play and a one hour time limit will be in effect for all games. The clock

will start at the scheduled game time.

- ◆ Home team is determined by a coin flip at the beginning of each game.
- ◆ Teams will comply with the umpire's decision as to when the game begins and ends.
- ◆ Once an inning has begun, it must be finished, unless the home team is ahead at the end of the time limit.
- ◆ If 3 innings have been completed or ½ hour of play has occurred, the game will be counted as an official game if bad weather occurs. Any game cancellations under 3 innings or ½ hour of play, official's fees will be returned and game will be reschedule if possible.
- ◆ There will be no overtime unless it is determined by the umpire that enough time is remaining to play extra innings.
- ◆ At the conclusion of the games, it is the responsibility of each team to clean their dugouts of any trash, cups, etc. Please place all trash in appropriate containers.

#### **RUNS AHEAD RULE**

- ◆ 15 runs after 3 innings
- ◆ 10 runs after 5 innings

#### **HOME RUNS**

- ◆ Each team will be limited to 1 home run per game.
- ◆ All other home runs after are counted as an out.

#### **UMPIRE FEES**

- ◆ Umpire fees are \$20/game and are to be paid directly to the umpire before the game begins.
- ◆ Two umpires will be at each game.

#### **PLAYERS**

- ◆ Teams must field minimum of (8) players to begin the game, (4) women and (4) men. Teams must take (1) out for each missing player. Maximum of (10) players are allowed on the field at any time, (5) men and (5) women.
- ◆ Teams may bat 12 players, 1 extra female and 1 extra male, cannot be 11. The batting order must be exchanged between the two teams prior to the game and line ups must remain the same throughout the entire game. Each team is responsible for keeping track of the game.
- ◆ Infield players must consist of 2 female players and 2 male players, the same applies for the outfield players. Please see pitching and batting rules for additional information.
- ◆ The number of players per roster is at the discretion of the team, and (3) of those players are allowed to be on more than one roster, however they may not be on more than (2) teams. No new players may be added to the team roster before the last game of the regular season. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ◆ **During the end of the season tournament, a player can only play for one team and must be on the roster. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- ◆ All players must be (18) years of age and out of High School.
- ◆ Each player must sign the roster/waiver before the first scheduled game.

## **FORFEIT RULE**

- ◆ Forfeit time is at the discretion of the umpire. Ten minutes will be given at the beginning of the first game only. All other games will begin at the regular start time. All forfeited games will result in a score of 7-0 win for the opposing team.
- ◆ Please see forfeit procedures at the beginning of this document for more information.

## **BATTING & PITCHING RULES**

- ◆ Batting orders must alternate, male/female or female/male. The batting order must be exchanged between the two teams prior to the game and line ups must remain the same throughout the entire game. Names and numbers if any must be on the batting orders. Each team is responsible for keeping track of the game.
- ◆ Men and women will have regular walks. After a walk has been granted to a male player he automatically goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, the female player up next will have the option to walk or hit, no matter how many outs have occurred. All batters begin with a 0-0 count. There are no courtesy fouls.
- ◆ The pitch height will be a 6 ft. minimum and a 10 ft. maximum.
- ◆ Teams must have a male pitcher and female catcher, or female pitcher and male catcher.

## **ALCOHOL & TOBACCO**

- ◆ No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on any city ball field, the grounds surrounding the fields, the dugout, or any other area near or around the game area.
- ◆ If a member/s of a team is observed drinking alcoholic beverages before, during, or after games on the field or in the dugout, that team will forfeit their game. If this happens more than once, the team will be removed from the league. No registration fees will be refunded.
- ◆ There is absolutely **NO SMOKING** allowed on the field or in the dugouts.

## **UNNECESSARY CONDUCT**

- ◆ To avoid injuries of either sex, the umpire will exercise discretions as to unnecessary roughness, late body contact, sliding, or any other unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ◆ If the umpire witnesses any acts of elbowing, cheap shots or any other unsportsmanlike act, the game will be stopped and that player or players will be given a warning. If foul play continues, that player or players will be ejected from the game. **FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**
- ◆ Trash talking is illegal. Umpires have the right to determine offensive language. Trash talking is talk that may be offensive to umpires, opposing players, teams or spectators. If trash talking occurs, the umpire will give one warning, if it continues that player or players will be ejected from the game.
- ◆ If a player is ejected from a game, they must serve a one game suspension on their next scheduled game the following week. If a player is ejected twice during the season, they will be removed from the league.
- ◆ Umpires have the right to eject a player from a game without a warning if needed.