

McAvoy Thurs Morning 2023 Softball Rules
Regular Softball rules apply with the following clarifications.

1. 7 innings games. For the early games, no inning to begin after 1 hour and 15 minutes from the start time (this includes the extra inning). It is important that 9am games start on time so as not to delay the 10:30 game. No time limit for the late games.
2. 5 runs per inning in innings through the 6th. **The 7th inning is unlimited.** Tie games will go one extra inning, if time permits. **In the extra inning**, the batter with the last recorded at bat will be placed on 2nd base. In the extra inning, the visiting team can score up to 5 runs. The home team can beat or match the visiting team runs up to 5 before they get three outs. **The game can end in a tie.**
3. If the visiting team is winning by 10 or more runs starting the 7th inning, the teams will flip flop. Meaning the home team will bat again to start the 7th inning (all bases are cleared from the 6th inning). If the deficit is overcome, the visiting team gets their at bats.
4. **All players bat.** If a player gets hurt or needs to leave the game, his place in the batting order will be skipped with no penalty. **The exception being; A player ejected from a game will cost his team an out when his batting position comes up.** Each manager will get each player 3 innings of field time.
5. Batter starts with 0 balls 0 strikes but a foul ball with 2 strikes is an out.
6. Unlimited walks per inning.
7. Courtesy runners will be allowed to run once per inning. If pinch runners are on base when they are due up, they will be out. The runner comes in and hits but an out is recorded.
8. Outfielders can throw out runners at first.
9. Substitution players will be chosen by a random drawing of cards, King is high:
Subs will be assigned by the following system:

If needed, North field, 1st base side (home team) gets subs drawing the highest cards.
If needed, North field, 3rd base side (visiting team) gets the subs drawing the next highest cards.
If needed, South field, 1st base side (home team) gets the next.
If needed, South field, 3rd base side (visiting team) gets the next.

Subs will be assigned shortly before starting time the game. Once the game starts, assigned subs must play a minimum of 3 innings in both the field and batting and bat at the bottom of the lineup. Players arriving after the start of the game will have to sit 3 innings to accommodate the sub. Once the regular player is inserted, the sub can continue as DH if the sub. so chooses but will not displace a regular player in the field. Don't request a sub to see who you get and then decline to use him. **In a rare exception**, if a team has no pitchers, the commissioner may assign a pitcher to a team before the card draw begins.
10. Standings will be maintained. Winning coaches need to tell Pete T. the score of your games.
11. The home team gets the 1st base dugout with the visiting team in the 3rd base dugout.
12. No senior bats to be used.
13. All pitchers must wear a mask. Masks are provided at the Snack bar.

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