

St. Charles Park District
Rules and Regulations for the Year 2022
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I. Player Eligibility

- A. Rosters are limited to 20 players and all players must be 18 years of age or older.
- B. All rosters must be complete (addresses, phone #'s and signatures) before a player can participate in their first game. Team captains are responsible for having rosters in prior to the start of the first game. Any team that doesn't have this in will not be allowed to play until it is in. A player is only allowed to be on one roster for the league they are participating in. Playing for other teams will not be allowed. The game will be a forfeit by the team having a non-rostered player playing.
- C. Rosters will be online and must be completed by all members on your team, even potential subs. Rosters will be accessible all season with field supervisors. This must be completed before your first game. Each player must enter their information on the roster.
 - a. [Adult Softball Online Roster/Waiver](#)
- D. To prohibit non-roster players from participating under an assumed name; all players must carry a picture I.D./Driver's license to all games, and present it upon request. Any non-roster player or player participating under an assumed name will be suspended. The team for which the player performed will forfeit all games in question. The Athletic Supervisor may also suspend the team upon further review. The Athletic Supervisor, Umpire, and/or scorekeeper may check the roster at any time if they believe any illegal player is participating.
- E. If a team suspects a non-rostered player is playing on the opposing team and they want to check the roster, they must do so before the end of the game. This must be reported to the field supervisor on duty. Once the game is completed, a roster check cannot be performed.

II. Team Conduct

- A. Please make sure you do not leave any trash in the dugout or surrounding area.
- B. Follow carry in/carry out Leave No Trace trash etiquette.
- C. Please be prompt at the end of your game when leaving the dugout. This will allow us to stay on schedule.
- D. Team captains are responsible for their teams' and fans' actions. **Only the captain or team manager will be allowed to question the decision of the umpire.** The questioning of the umpire's decision must be done in an orderly manner. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct (including profane, abusive or insulting language) shall cause removal of the offending player.
- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Umpires may eject any player for such behavior. If a player is ejected from the game, there is a mandatory suspension of one game. All ejections are subject to review by the Athletic Supervisor.
- F. Any player ejected from a game will receive a suspension subject to review by the Athletic Supervisor and Superintendent of Recreation. Any player ejected for fighting will receive at least a one-game suspension (Possibly more), and possibly league expulsion under review. These suspensions will also include any postseason tournament games. Under no circumstances may an ejected player remain on the bench. If the umpire feels the ejection warrants it; he may have the ejected player leave the park immediately.
- G. Any player or manager who pushes, strikes, or hits an umpire or supervisor will be automatically ejected, and may be suspended along with the possibility of being arrested.



- H. Any player or team drinking alcohol on Park District property before, during or after games; or participating in games under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be suspended (length of suspension will be determined after the incident is reviewed). If members of your team are caught drinking on Park District property the following consequences will be enforced. Any forfeit or suspension resulting from an alcohol offense will not be eligible for any type of refund or modified league fee. **This is your first warning.**
 - a First Offense: The game will be a forfeit and the whole team will be asked to leave the park. This includes being caught drinking in the parking lot before or after your game. If you are caught after your game, the game you just played will be a forfeit.
 - b Second Offense: Your team will not be allowed to participate in the post season tournament.
 - c Third Offense: Your team will not be allowed to participate in the following season.
- I. Smoking is not permitted on the playing field.
- J. Any players caught and written up by the park Patrol staff for breaking a park ordinance is subject to a game or multiple games suspension. If there is a second offense, the player is subject to ejection from the league.
- K. Any player that does not comply with warning or instruction from Park Patrol Staff will be ejected from the Park.

III. Scheduling

- A. The first team listed on the schedule will be the HOME team. In tournament play the higher seed or the team in the winner's bracket will be the home team. In the loser's bracket, a coin flip will determine home and visitor.
- B. The Park District reserves the right to reschedule all rainout games.
- C. Please refer to www.quickscores.com/stcsparks for all schedule information
- D. Please refer to rainoutline.com for all rainout information
- E. Please register with this QR code to receive text updates regarding rainouts and game information. Please have all members of your team register. This is not a number that can receive incoming text messages.



- F. Each team captain will need to create a log in and they will be assigned to their team. Any player on a team can check the website at any time. All schedules, standings and updates will be posted.
- G. All changes in the league schedules and make-up games will be reported to team captains; it is up to them to inform their players.
- H. All regular season games must be made up before any post season play will begin.
- I. Fridays will be used for Make-up games.

IV. Playing Rules

- A. The Slow Pitch Rule Book of One Nation will govern all play with the exception of any local rules established by the St. Charles Park District.
- B. Bases will be at 70' according to the One Nation rules, with the pitching mound at 50 feet from home plate.
- C. The Park District will furnish a new ball. For the first two games, after a ball has been used, it will be kept by the umpire and used as a back-up ball for other games. On and after the third week, the ball will be given to the home team.
- D. All bats must have the USSSA Thumbprint stamp on them to be considered legal. Here is a picture of the stamp.





- E. 3 balls and 2-strike count will be used with an extra foul ball for guys and girls
- F. **Metal spikes are not allowed on any of the Park District's ball fields.**
- G. Time Limit: At the end of 55 minutes of play, the next inning will be the last inning no matter what inning the game is in. In the event that a game is not considered complete (less than four innings of play) the game will be continued at the conclusion of the season if there is a standings issue. In the event that the game is tied, the game will continue until a winner is declared. If the game is complete the result will stand. In addition to the one-hour time limit, no new inning will begin after 10:30pm. If a game is not complete it will only be completed at the end of the season if there is a standings issue.
- H. Slaughter Rule for all leagues is: 20 runs after three innings, 15 runs after four innings and a 10-run lead after five innings.
- I. Batting Order: All Substitutions to the Batting Order must be announced to the scorekeeper or the umpire. If a player is substituted into the batting order, that player cannot play the field at the same time as the player they substituted for. If a team chooses to use a designated hitter for a player, which would mean that two players are sharing a spot in the batting order, these two players cannot play in the field at the same time. The batting order must alternate man, woman. If a team has more women than men, the order must start with a woman.
- J. Each team may use up to two "courtesy runners" during the game. A women runner for a women and man runner for a man. If a courtesy runner is on base and it is their time to bat, they will be an out, they will stay on base. **A sub can be entered for the runner, as long as that sub has not yet played in the game.**
- K. A courtesy runner is not considered a sub.
- L. A courtesy runner can be anyone on the team's roster. They do not have to be a player currently in the game. This is implemented to speed up the game.
- M. A team can start a game with no less than 8 players or the game will be forfeited. The male to female configurations that are legal would contain equal men and women or more women than men. A game is not legal if there are more men than women. ** 8 players = 4 women and 4 men or 5 women and 3 men, 9 players = 5 women and 4 men, 10 players = 5 women and 5 men or 6 women and 4 men, 11 players= 6 women and 5 men or 7 women and 4 men, 12 players = 6 women and 6 men. **exception, if you have 9 players, 5 men and 4 women, the 10th spot in the lineup will be an automatic out.
- N. Important rule to understand! If your team started the game with 12 players, you must finish with 12 players or receive and out each time the vacant positions come up in the order. The same is true for a team starting with 10, 9 or 8. A 9 and 10 players can be added any time during the game if within the correct configuration, once the player is added you must finish with that number of players. Remember: if an umpire ejects any player, they must be replaced in the line-up or an out in the line-up will be automatic and you must always have eight in the line-up or you forfeit the game.
- O. No more than 10 players may be on the field at one time for each team.
- P. Two Additional Hitter Rule will be in effect. Each team may designate an 11th & 12th additional hitter in the lineup at the start of the game or before the conclusion of the first inning-as long as the lineup has not been hit all the way through. Only 10 of the 11/12 hitters may play the field at any time. A tenth player can be added, to the bottom of the batting order, at any time during the game.
- Q. When making substitutions, men for men and women for women will only be allowed.



- R. Forfeit time is game time or five minutes after the conclusion of the proceeding game; whichever is later. Each forfeited game fee is \$25.00, and must be paid to the Athletic Supervisor before the team's next game.
- a. *Exception; if the Athletic Supervisor is notified within 24 hours of game time, a fee will not be collected. If otherwise advised, the card on file for the team will be used. After three forfeited games, the offending team will lose their spot in the league for the next season.
- S. It is the base runner's responsibility to avoid a collision with a fielder in position to attempt a put out. If in the opinion of the umpire, the base runner does not make an adequate attempt to avoid a collision; the base runner will be called out, and all other base runners return to the last base touched. In case of flagrant or intentional contact, the base runner is declared out and is ejected from the game.
- T. A ball thrown off the brick wall along the base lines is in play as long as it does not go into the stairs, stands or the designated dugout areas. A ball hitting the railing above the bricks is out of play.
- U. Any ball hitting the right field or left field trees will be called a dead ball strike.
- V. Dugout areas will be marked with an orange line. These areas are out of play. Keep all equipment behind the lines.
- W. No batboys or batgirls allowed. Only players and coaches are allowed on the bench.
- X. Arc limit is 5 feet to 10-foot arc from the ground with the plate **and** mat a strike.
- Y. If a male player is walked, he will be awarded first and second base; the next batter (female) can take an automatic walk or have an at bat.
- a. **EXCEPTION TO THE RULE**; if a male player has two strikes and then receives a walk, they will be awarded first base and the female batter must bat.
- Z. Outfielders will not be permitted to play on the infield; they must stay beyond the lip of the infield until the batter has contacted the ball.
- AA. **If a team is playing with more women than men, the order must start with a woman**, if a man shows up, he will be entered at the end of the order so that the order is male-female. The man cannot sub for a woman. If the team is already playing with 12 and the configuration is 7 women and 5 men, the additional man that shows up must substitute for a man in the order, not the extra woman.
- BB. Gloves are allowed for both men and women.
- CC. Filing protest must be done with accordance to the One Nation Rule Book along with a \$50.00 processing fee, which is refundable, if the protest is allowed.
- DD. Running the bases for a homerun hit over the fence is not required.
- EE. If lightning is seen in the sky, players will be sent to the parking lot and there will be a minimum 30-minute delay.
- a. After each additional seen lightning, the 30-minute delay restarts.
- FF. Strike Guard Lightning Warning System
- a. The system consists of sensors placed at the park site that measure lightning strikes in an 8-10 mile radius of the park. When conditions indicate that lightning has occurred, a signal is sent to an alarm horn. The signal provides an 8- to-12 minute warning that allows one to clear the area and seek shelter.
 - b. To minimize the potential for lightning related injuries, it is recommended that when the warning system is activated (15-second horn blast and strobe light flash), the park sites affected be cleared and activities not be resumed until the all-clear signal is given (3 short horn blasts and a cessation of the strobe light). These alarm tones are distinctly different from any current public alarm tones. It is recommended that park patrons and staff immediately seek shelter in their vehicles. If such shelter is unavailable, patrons should avoid areas that are higher than the surrounding landscapes, not to use a tree for shelter, and keep away from metal objects such as bicycles, golf carts, umbrellas, etc. If it is the opinion of the Park staff, teacher, coach, referee, or the general public that the weather situation is not safe, do not wait for horns to activate – **CLEAR THE AREA!** Take shelter in your vehicles anytime lightning is seen, or thunder is heard.



V. Insurance

The St. Charles Park District does not provide insurance to cover injuries that occur during games or practice sessions. Players participate at their own risk.

