North Hills Recreational Softball League

Men’s Softball Rules

**League Make Up**

1. The North Hills Recreational Softball League consists of two divisions: Condor and Falcon Divisions.
2. All players must be MEN 18 years of age or older to participate.
3. Each team must register their team between:

March 7, 2016 – April 8, 2016. To register you must turn in:

A. A 25 man league roster complete with name and Signature (due prior to season starting)

B. A $400 entrance fee.

C. A $70 forfeit fee check made to CASH.

 Once the registration has been completed, you will receive:

1. 2 dozen Softballs
2. Team Registered ASA
3. Score Book and ASA Rule Book
4. Each team is responsible for finding a home field and time **(Monday-Friday only)**

and reporting it at the time of registration. *(Field Insurance will be provided by The North Hills Recreational Softball League).*

1. Rosters must be completed online by the team captain or co-captain at [www.quickscores.com/baierlfamily](http://www.quickscores.com/baierlfamily). As a courtesy, please notify a league director if a roster change is made. No changes will be accepted after June 30, 2016
2. No player is permitted to appear on more than one roster in the same division. A team may have no more than 25% of players (5) on their roster who are also on rosters in the next higher/lower division.
3. Any use of an ineligible player shall result in a forfeit for all games in which that player played. A player may be questioned at any time by the umpire and must show photo identification if requested.

8. Each game date will be a 7-inning double header so plan field times appropriately.

**Player Conduct**

1. Profanity and/or physical abuse of an umpire, league officials or opposing team players will not be tolerated. Profanity towards any party may lead to suspension of that player and could result in expulsion if the behavior is continued. Physical altercations of any kind will result in an immediate, LIFETIME expulsion from the league.
2. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the bench area, field and/or surrounding areas of the field. Any player found drinking in these areas will be ejected immediately from the game and could be expelled from the league.
3. The League Directors have the final say on all matters as it pertains to The North Hills Recreational Softball League.

**Umpires**

1. Umpires will enforce all rules as it pertains to on the field matters.
2. Profanity and/or physical abuse on an umpire by a player or spectator will not be tolerated.
3. Umpire fees will be $35 per 7-inning game.
4. If an umpire does not show up for a scheduled game, Ray Peterson should be contacted immediately to check the status of the umpire. The games can still be played if agreed upon by both team managers.

**Regulations**

1. Each team must field a minimum of 9 players to begin the game. The game will be declared a forfeit if the minimum is not met.
2. All game times will consist of two 7-inning games (1/1 pitch count) with no more than 5 minutes between games.
3. The base runners must avoid contact with fielders on close plays.
4. A scoresheet shall be kept by each team. The winning team of the first game will post scores on the league website www.quickscores.com/baierlfamily. Coaches must register on the website to be able to post scores.
5. Teams that drop out of the league or are suspended and unable to complete the season:
	1. All games played will count as played.
	2. Remainder of the season will be forfeited.
	3. Forfeited games will count toward league standings.
6. Once the schedule is posted, game changes can be made as long as a date and field have been agreed upon by both teams, and approved by Ray Peterson the umpire coordinator. Changes must be reported to the league directors at least 2 days prior to that scheduled game.
7. Games will not be played on Memorial Day (May 30th) or July 4th.

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1. FORFEITS: If you must forfeit your game, you must contact Ray Peterson **BY PHONE AT LEAST** 2 hours before your scheduled game time. Emailing is not an option. Contacting Ray about forfeits must be done by phone. Contact for Ray: (H) (724) 779-6428 (C) (724) 272-6340
2. If a game is forfeited 24 hours prior to the scheduled time to the League Director NO forfeit fee shall be assessed.
3. If an on field forfeit occurs, the forfeiting team is responsible for the umpire fee(s).

**Equipment Standards**

1. Softballs (.52 Core/ 300# red stitch, optic yellow). These are the official game balls of our league. No other ball should be used during play. Additional dozens of softballs can be purchased through the North Hills Recreational Softball League.
2. A new ball will be supplied by the home team. A second ball (in good condition) is to be provided by the visiting team. If both balls are lost, the team losing the next ball shall replace it.
3. The home team must provide bases. A safety first base can be used, but not required.
4. Metal spikes are prohibited, which also include football spikes with metal plated cleats. Any player wearing metal spikes will be disqualified from play without being given a warning.
5. Using illegal bats is prohibited. An official listing of illegal bats is available on the league website and ASA Softball Website. *(The ASA list will be our official list)* Any player using an illegal bat will be disqualified without being given a warning. *(Any version of the “Mizuno Orange Crush” is strictly prohibited. A team using this bat will be forfeited immediately)*
6. Each field is different. Ground rules for each field must be discussed with the umpire prior to the start of the first game. Natural barriers such as fences, hillsides, roadways, wooded areas, etc. should all be discussed prior to the start of all games.
7. All fields with automatic homerun barriers will use a “3 home run rule.” Both teams may hit a maximum of 3 homeruns at anytime during the game. Every homerun hit after the 3rd homerun will be an automatic out.

**Special Rules**

1. Courtesy runners will be allowed 3 times per game. Anyone in the lineup can have a courtesy runner. If a player is injured during the game he may receive a courtesy runner provided the team has fewer than 12 players and will not be counted towards the 3 allotted runners during the game. If the player is injured during the first game, a courtesy runner can be used for the second game as well. The courtesy runner must be the ***last person that could possibly come to bat at that time***.
2. There is no courtesy step when leaving the base. The runner may not leave the base before the ball is hit or the runner is declared out.
3. A “10 Run Rule” shall be applied after 5 innings.
4. Teams playing with 9 players will **NOT** be given an automatic out for the 10th batting position. However, if a team begins with 9 players they may add players at any point in the game.
5. **Teams may bat up to 12 players in a game. (2 extra players)**
6. No game shall begin before 6:00 P.M.
7. No regular season game shall be suspended. All games are considered official games after 5 complete innings. If the teams are tied after the 5th inning and the game is called, the game will be considered a tie and each team will be credited with a half-win and a half-loss.
8. Games ending in a tie after 7 innings will go to a one pitch format until the game is completed.
9. In an effort to keep accurate, results of all games must be reported by the WINNING team of the first game. Specified in (Regulations #4)
10. The top two teams at the end of the regular season schedule will be moved up one division the following season and the bottom two teams at the end of the regular season will be moved down one division.

**Playoff Tournament**

1. The Playoff Tournament is usually be played the first and second weekends in August. The tournament dates will be announced after registration is complete and divisions are set.
2. The North Hills Recreational Softball League will supply the game balls for the Playoff Tournaments and cover the umpire fees.
3. A final 20 man “playoff” roster must be submitted 24 hours before the first league playoff game. The 20 man roster may only include players from the 25 man “regular season” roster. Players may be asked to show photo identification if questioned.
4. A playoff game may be suspended at any time. If a game is suspended it will resume at the point at which it was suspended.
5. All previously discussed and ASA rules will be enforced during the playoffs.
6. League officials will be available throughout the tournament weekends.
7. Any player ejected from a tournament game is disqualified for the rest of the tournament.
8. All teams will be registered with the ASA, which allows you to play in ASA sanctioned tournaments outside the of The North Hills Recreational Softball League.

**Rainouts**

1. Games can be made up on an agreed-upon date and location between the two coaches to accommodate their convenience. These make-up days should be addressed with Ray Peterson. If the date/location is available AND an umpire is available, the request will be awarded.
2. North Allegheny Intermediate School Field will not be available on Saturdays this year due to school construction projects this summer.
3. The home team is responsible for canceling games prior to the start of the game. Umpires will be responsible for canceling games once the game has begun.
4. If the game is cancelled within 1 hour of game time ½ travel fee will need to be paid to the umpire. The team cancelling will have to meet the umpire at the field for the umpire to get paid. If no one is at the field to meet the umpire, arrangements must be made to get Ray Peterson the money. The league will use forfeit fees if umpires are not paid their travel fee, or if no arrangements are made with Ray Peterson.

**YMCA League Payouts**

1. End of the season tournament payouts are as follows:

A. 1st place League fee paid for the following season

B. 2nd place Half the league fee paid for the following season.

1. There are no payouts for the end of the season standings. Trophies will be awarded to the Regular Season Champions and Regular Season Runner-ups.
2. If a team disbands or drops from the league that money will not be paid out.
3. Payouts are for the following season ONLY and cannot be claimed from previous years.

**Contact Information**

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\*\*\*Forfeits must be notified to Ray AT LEAST 1 hours before the scheduled game time. PHONE CALLS ONLY\*\*\*