

North Hills Recreational Softball League

2023 Men's Softball Rules

League Make Up

1. In consideration of the furtherance of the North Hills Recreational Softball League objectives and in consideration of your permitting me to participate in North Hills Recreational Softball League, I hereby waive and release the North Hills Recreational Softball League, the municipalities through which the event will take place, as well as any other persons or entity connected with the event, from all liability for damages or injuries which may be suffered while taking part in the event, or in connection with the event, as a result thereof.
2. ALL PLAYERS MUST appear on the roster of a particular team to play a game. Being rostered is replacing signing a league waiver form.
3. The North Hills Recreational Softball League consists of one 8 team Division.
4. All players must be MEN 18 years of age or older to participate.
5. Each team must register their team by Friday April 7th 2023

To register you must turn in:

- A. A 25 man league roster complete with name and Signature (due prior to season starting)
- B. A \$500 entrance fee.
- C. (2) \$70 forfeit fee checks made to Ray Peterson.

Once the registration has been completed, you will receive:

- A. 2 dozen Softballs
- B. Team Registered ASA
- C. Score Book and ASA Rule Book

6. 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).*
 - Cenci's - Tuesday Vets
 - Highland -
 - Oriole Cleaners - Monday Woods 2 til 6/15, Tuesday rest of season
 - MLB Dreams - Lower Glenshaw - Mondays starting June 12
 - Blue Goose - Lower Glenshaw - Wednesday
 - Rochester Inn - Tuesday Bronx
 - Matadors - Monday Woods 2 til 6/15, Tuesday rest of season
 - Glenshaw Alliance - Tuesday Treesdale
7. Rosters must be completed online by the team captain or co-captain at 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 30th, 2023. This will be your playoff roster as well.
8. 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. Dangerous Play/Unsportsmanlike Conduct: At the umpire's discretion, the umpire will eject any player from the game if he feels that player is attempting to injure another player. For instance, sliding to injure, throwing a ball at a player, hitting up the middle with the intent to strike or harm the pitcher on purpose, or verbal threats. It is not limited to just these conditions, and the league reserves the right to suspend any player as a result of serious misconduct.
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.
5. **Umpires will verbally call and point to the sky for an illegal pitch over 10 feet and to the ground for a pitch under six feet. This is simply a courtesy to the batter.**

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. Softballs per game: Home team throws 1 new ball and backup into game. Teams who hit Home Runs or balls that are lost over the fence are responsible for replacing softball.
4. The base runners must avoid contact with fielders on close plays.
5. 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.
6. Teams that drop out of the league or are suspended and unable to complete the season:
 - A. All games played will count as played.
 - B. Remainder of the season will be forfeited.
 - C. Forfeited games will count toward league standings.
7. There will be no schedule changes after May 15th, 2023. unless changed by the league. Teams cannot collectively change game dates or times. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Forfeits

1. FORFEITS: If you must forfeit your game, you must contact Ray Peterson **BY PHONE by 5PM** 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 is strongly recommended, but not required. The runner has to use the safety bag. If not will be called out by the umpire.**
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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All fields with automatic homerun barriers will use a "3 home run rule." Both teams may hit a maximum of 3

homeruns at any time during the game. Every home run hit after the 3rd home run will be an automatic out.

Special Rules

- 1. This is a MAT league. All games must use a mat and the umpire must enforce. There are no exceptions. Each team will be issued a mat at the beginning of 2023 season. Going forward a replacement will be \$30.**
- 2.** One courtesy runner per inning. Can be anyone on the bench. Can be an extra player that evening as long as they are on the roster.
- 3.** 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.
- 4.** There will be a 20 run rule after 3, 15 run rule after 4 and 10 run rule after 5th inning.
- 5.** 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.
- 6.** Pitching Distance is 50ft
- 7.** Pitching Arc is 6-10ft
- 8.** Base Distance is 70 ft
- 9. Teams may bat up to 14 players in a game. If a player is playing the field they MUST be in the lineup.**
- 10.** No game shall begin before 6:00 P.M.
- 11.** 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.
- 12.** EXTRA Innings: Will play under international rule of softball. A runner will start at 2b to start the inning. It can either be the last out of the prior inning or you can use your courtesy runner to run.
- 13.** In an effort to keep accurate, results of all games must be reported by the WINNING team of the first game.

Playoff Tournament

1. The Playoffs will be August 19th/20th. The makeup will be August 26th/27th
2. The North Hills Recreational Softball League will supply the game balls for the Playoffs and cover the umpire fees.
3. 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 ASA rules will be enforced during the playoffs.
6. Any player ejected from a tournament game is disqualified from the following as well. Depending on the reason for a player's ejection, the league directors and umpire director reserve the right to disqualify that player for the remainder of the tournament.

Rainouts

1. Teams must play all games scheduled. Teams cannot deny playing games without league approval. Home team must reschedule a rainout within 72 hours, or the game will be rescheduled by the league, no exceptions.
2. 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.
3. If the game is canceled within 1 hour of game time ½ travel fee will need to be paid to the umpire. The team canceling 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.

League Payouts

1. End of the season **REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS** 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.
2. Playoff Champion and 2nd place playoffs will receive Trophy. Also as agreed to by league vote there will be a playoff entry fee led by Justin Defide. This will be for a money prize, as well as, food and beverages playoff weekend.
3. Payouts are for the following season ONLY and cannot be claimed from previous years.
4. Standings and Tie Breakers 1) Head to head 2) Run differential in head-to-head play 3) Most wins vs. teams with a regular-season win percentage of .500 or better 4) A coin flip

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