

2016 Decatur Parks & Recreation

Adult Softball League Rule Changes

* The rule changes below are amendments to the DPR Adult Softball League Rules previous to the 2016 season and will from this point forward be enforced and in effect. All rule changes have been discussed and explained at the 2016 Spring/Summer coaches meeting held on Feb. 4th, 2016. If you have questions or would like clarification please contact a league representative.

Courtesy Runner : (For all Leagues)

Courtesy Runner rule will now follow the Courtesy Runner rule that has been established by the ASA effective for the 2016 season and beyond. See Pg. 109, Section 9, Rule B & C of the ASA Participants Manual for full explanation and effects of the rule.

- Each team will be allowed one (1) courtesy runner per inning.
- Any player listed on the official line-up may be the courtesy runner, including subs.
- If while on base, the courtesy runner is due to bat, the courtesy runner will be called out, removed from the base, and will take his or her position as the batter.
- A courtesy runner may not run for an existing courtesy runner except for an injury.

Team Jerseys: (For all Leagues)

All players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are **IDENTICAL** in colors, logo, design, and style. An Arabic whole number (0-99) of **contrasting color**, at least 6 inches high must be worn and **visible** on the back of all uniform shirts. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers. (Numbers 0 and 00 or 3 and 03 are examples of identical numbers.) **All numbers must be permanent - no tape, etc. will be allowed.**

Game Times: (For all Leagues)

Game times will be **6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, & 8:30 pm with no grace period.** Failure of a team to be ready to play with the adequate number of players, by their scheduled time or within 10 minutes after the end of the previous game on their scheduled field, will constitute a forfeit. Failure of both teams to be ready to play will result in a double forfeit. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

* Some leagues may be subject to playing four (4) time slots per night (6:15 pm, 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm, 9:15 pm) depending on the size of the league and field availability.

Division Numbering: (For all Leagues)

Leagues will be separated into divisions with the highest division being "1" the lower divisions "2" and so on.

Example: Men's Church 1, Men's Church 2, Men's Church 3, etc.

Age Requirement: (For all Leagues)

All players must be at least 16 years of age in order to be added to the official roster. The roster must be signed by a parent or guardian if the player is a minor.

Safety Notice

***The League is always concerned foremost with player safety and has looked at policies regarding the use of face masks for pitchers. While the League **WILL NOT** require pitchers or any other player to wear protective face masks at this time, it does **strongly encourage** the use of a protective face mask for all pitchers and any other fielders who choose to use one. Ultimately, this a recreational activity and the League wishes to see that no one suffer lifelong effects from participating in such activities.