

Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department
ADULT 12" OFFICIAL RULES OF SOFTBALL

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- 1) All games will be played in accordance with the **current ASA rules** with the **exceptions noted in these rules**.
- 2) Base lengths: Men's 65' Women's 65' Pitching distances: both 50'
- 3) Forfeits: Game time is forfeit time. Nine players are the minimum to start and complete a game. A tenth player may be added after the game has started, but not an eleventh. If a team has nine players present for the game, the game starts with no waiting for other players.
- 4) Umpire and/or Recreation Department will determine if field is playable or to resume play of a suspended game. Make-up games may be played on any day of the week. Double headers will be scheduled, if necessary. **It is the responsibility of the team or team manager to visit QuickScores to determine when a game is to be rescheduled and to inform their players.**
- 5) The base runner may leave the base when the ball crosses home plate.
- 6) Games will not be rescheduled at a team's request. All makeup games will be played on a date designated by League Administrator.
- 7) **Home team is listed first on the schedules** and will be designated as the official scorekeeper and work cooperatively with the umpire and the opposing team. Failure to do so will cause forfeiture of the game.
- 8) Re-entry Rule: Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the line-up. Substitutes may not re-enter the game. All substitutions must be made known to the official scorekeeper and the umpire.
- 9) If a base runner is approaching any base (except 1st base), he must slide to try to avoid the tag. Umpire's decision and discretion will be followed. Base runner is out and will be ejected from the game when a defensive player has the ball and is waiting for the runner and the runner remains on his feet and deliberately crashes into the defensive player. Umpire's discretion will be used when calling this rule.
- 10) Official slow-pitch games will consist of seven innings. An official game due to inclement weather is 4 1/2 or 5 completed innings. In case of a tie game, only two more innings will be played. If the score is still tied the game will count as a 1/2 win, 1/2 loss in the standings. An automatic one strike, one ball count will be placed on the batter when she/he steps up to the plate to bat. A **10-run** slaughter rule is in effect after 5 innings for all games, and a **15-run** slaughter rule is in effect after 4 innings.
- 11) For tie-breaker rules, refer to the QuickScore league website.
- 12) Line-up cards are provided by the Recreation and Parks Department for each game to be filled out by a team representative prior to the game. Each team should fill out one side of the card with their line-up. Umpires will have cards at each field. Players may be added to the sub side of the card after the game begins.
- 13) Height of Pitch for Men and Women: Pitched ball must have a minimum perceivable arc of 6' and a maximum height of 12' from the ground.
- 14) It is the responsibility of each home team to provide a backup ball. Failure to do so will cause forfeit of the game by the violator. The game ball will be furnished by the Recreation Department. Home team keeps the game ball.
- 15) A bat may not have any foreign materials on or in it and must be marked an "official softball bat." The bat shall have a safety grip of tape or cork not less than 10" and no more than 15" in length. Referees may check the bats at any time during play. ASA Approved Bat List available.
- 16) **All protests must be filed to the umpire during the game that is being protested.** If the protest concerns an ineligible player the decision will be made at the time of the protest. (See rule 17) No protests will be allowed after conclusion of the game.

17) **Players must sign the roster/waiver in order to be eligible.** If there is a question of the player's eligibility on the team in question, that player must produce identification. Failure to do so at the time of protest would result in automatic forfeiture of that game. Players may be on only one roster per league. Only rostered players may participate in games. Illegal players will result in forfeiture of that game.

18) Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on playing field including dugout area. Violations will cause forfeit of game and suspension or expulsion of guilty parties from league.

19) Parking is permitted in designated areas only, cars driven onto park areas will be ticketed.

20) Players must be 18 years of age or out of high school. Players under 18 will not be allowed to play due to liability.

21) Managers will be responsible for the conduct of their players and must keep them informed concerning schedules, make-ups and rules.

22) Players and/or managers who are guilty of flagrant violations and/or unsportsman-like conduct will be ejected from the game and may be ejected from league.

23) The Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department reserves the right to prohibit any person or persons from using the facilities because of unacceptable conduct detrimental to the safety and/or welfare of others.

24) The following Umpires Association rules will be enforced and violations will automatically be recorded with the Recreation & Parks Department.

25) Extra Hitter: Each team may use an EH (extra hitter) as specified in the ASA rulebook.

26) Metal spikes are not allowed, and uniforms are not required. Matching shirts are suggested.

27) Roster changes must be made before the start of the 5th week of scheduled games. **In case of a roster change, a new waiver must be submitted for the new player PRIOR to him playing in a game.**

28) In case of inclement weather, captains will be emailed by League Admin via QuickScores. Games may be called during play if weather causes safety concerns.

29) Ground Rule Double: Balls bouncing over, rolling, through a gate or past the outfield fence are ground rule doubles.

30) Out of play (blocked ball): On Field A outside a line from the end of the backstop (right and left field sides) that intersects with the outfield fence or an extension of the fence. On Field B outside of a line continuing the side fences to the outfield fence.

31) Home Run: Hitting over the fences in fair territory, a fly ball hitting a light pole on or above the homer line. Three home-run limit per team, per game. Every home run after three will be an out.

Administration