



Women's 14" League Softball Rules

1. This league follows ASA rules.
2. UMPIRES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!!!!!
3. Starting time is 6:30 PM on scheduled Monday nights. Forfeit time is 6:45 PM.
4. Player minimum to start the game is 9 players.
5. 20-player roster. 15 maximum on roster per game. NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS are to be made to the rosters after they are turned in. Rosters must include players' name, address, phone number and date of birth. If a player is found not to be on the roster, games will be forfeited.
6. All players must bat in succession, regardless if they are in the field or not.
7. NO stealing of bases.
8. Games will be 7 innings. With a 60min. time limit!
9. The pitcher can hesitate twice before releasing the ball.
10. NO bunting. Must be a full swing.
11. The infield fly rule is in effect.
12. After 2 strikes, if a batter hits a foul ball, they are out.
13. Official softball bats only.
14. Slaughter rule is in effect. If a team has a 15 run lead at any time after 4 innings, the game is over. If behind, the home team always has the opportunity to reduce the deficit to less than 15 runs and extend the game to the next inning before conclusion.
15. Ladies MUST be 21 years of age by August 31st each season. If a team feels a player is not of age, a protest must be made by the end of the fourth (4th) inning. The player in question must present proof of age to the TPPD by the beginning of the team's next scheduled game. If found to be ineligible, the team will forfeit the game in question.
16. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field.
17. The courtesy runner is the person who made the last batted out.
18. The distance between bases is 60 ft. and between the pitcher's mound and home plate is 38 ft.

19. The slide rule is in effect when the play is close at the bases. A player must slide to avoid contact.

20. Players can be switched at their positions during the game. An exception to this rule is the pitcher. Once the pitcher comes out of the game, she cannot pitch again, but she can play another position. (Exception: If the substitute pitcher is injured and there is not another pitcher on the team, the first pitcher can come back in to pitch.) The 10 players who start a game are the starters. When they are replaced, that player is the sub. Once a sub comes out of the game, she cannot go back in, but the starter can go into the game at any time. Exception: If a starter is injured, a sub can replace her).

21. There are pick offs at bases. The catcher/pitcher can make an attempt on the base runners at any time at any base (except home). If there is an over throw, the runner CAN advance as long as the base ahead of them is unoccupied. (This does not include home plate) a, which does not start as a batted ball, should the pitcher, while on or near the mound, or the catcher, throw to any base in an attempt to put a base runner out, the base runner may advance on base at her own risk unless the base to which she is advancing is occupied preceding the throw. This is in essence permitting a base runner on any base to advance to the next base (except home plate), if it is not occupied, when the pitcher, or the catcher, throws to any base on a pick off play. If any base is occupied and the succeeding base runner attempts to advance on a pick off play, she is liable to be put out until she returns to her original base safely.

22. If a player is injured or has to leave the game for any reason and cannot play anymore, she will not be given an automatic out when it is her turn to bat. She will be scratched from the line up and batters will continue to bat in succession.

23. In the event that a player arrives late for a game and it has already started, and she hasn't missed her turn to bat in the lineup, she can bat when her turn comes. If she does not arrive before her first time to bat, she will be given an automatic out. If the player does arrive after the first rotation, she will not be allowed to play.

24. If you chose to forfeit your batting turn during a game, you may not reinstitute batting privileges.

25. Batting gloves will not be allowed while fielding.

26. If a player is deemed to be engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, the umpire may eject the player from the game.

Weather Information

The rain out number is (708) 779-6010. A message will be placed on the machine at least one hour before the start of the first game time on questionable days. The athletic website will also be updated one hour before the first game time. This can be accessed at www.quickscores.com/tinleypark. The Park District will try to update weather information throughout scheduled games, but it is not guaranteed due to the office closing at 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and closed on all weekends. Please always check the weather information before your game time in case the first sets of games were canceled, but not the second. The Park District will try to make up every rained out game, but may not be able to due to unforeseen circumstances. Make ups may or may not be on your scheduled playing day, depending on how the season folds out, but more then likely they will be on your scheduled day. If make-ups, towards the end of the season will not affect final standings, the Park District may cancel these games. The umpire or field staff will call the game if field conditions are not playable. It is every team's responsibility to show up during their scheduled game time if the games are not canceled.

*****ALL RULES ARE PLAYED UNDER ASA RULES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR HOUSE RULES WHICH TRUMP ASA. THE PARK DISTRICT STAFF ON-SITE WILL AND CAN ALWAYS TRUMP ANY ASA RULE ON THE SPOT IF NECESSARY, WHEN A RULING ON THE FIELD CONFLICTS WITH OUR HOUSE RULES VS. THE ASA RULES. HOWEVER, THEY CAN NEVER TRUMP AN UMP'S JUDGEMENT CALL OR AN ASA RULE. PARK DISTRICT STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEATHER DECISIONS WHEN PRESENT. UMPS MUST WAIT UNTIL THE ALL GAMES ARE CALLED BEFORE THEY LEAVE.**

****Team Captains are responsible for providing the rules to their entire team.***

****There are no league refunds once the meeting has been held!!!***

The Park District reserves the right to change or alter any rule or league schedule in order to improve the quality of the league. The Park District reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to complete the league/tournament in a timely manner. This is not limited to, but includes playing any day or night of the week, having games canceled or calling a game completed if ended early due to weather.