

# WASATCH COUNTY MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## New Rules:



**-Only USSSA approved bats may be used.** All bats must have NEW USSSA stamp! If you are using a non-approved bat, the bat will be pulled from the game and 1 out will be given. A second offense using a non-approved bat will mean forfeiture of that game.

Batters **DO NOT** get an extra foul after the first strike like in the past. Now after the first strike no matter how it happens (swing & miss, foul ball or called strike) the next one has to be a fair ball.



**Courtesy Runner= 1 per inning, anytime, any base! If runner is on base when batting position is up, that batting position is OUT!!**

- **The pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber.** If foot is not on the rubber this will be considered an unfairly delivered pitch.
- **A catcher or any fielder can't block** the path to the plate or bases on a thrown ball unless he/ she clearly has possession of the ball.

A "tournament roster" with the max of 20 people must be signed and turned in to league manager by the end of week 2. This roster will act as the League and Tournament roster, as well as your liability waiver.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

During regular season play, a player may play with any team regardless of league. However, during tournament play, a player can only be on ONE roster regardless of league and play for only ONE team throughout the tournament.

**If a game is protested with an illegal player the following will occur:**

**If protest is before game starts: Player will not be allowed to play in game**

**If protest is during the course of the game: Team will forfeit game**

**If protest is after the complete game: No forfeit and game will be recorded as complete**

**Player must provide proof of Photo ID to the League Director at time of protest**

Players must be 16 years of age or older. All participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the registration form BEFORE they will be allowed to play.

Players added after league play begins must have the League Director's approval, and must sign the roster/liability release prior to playing. Participating without having signed the roster/liability form automatically waives any claim of liability against Wasatch County, Wasatch County Parks and Recreation and all others associated with carrying out the Mens Softball Program.

A player is ineligible to participate if he/she is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time of the game. The decision is up to the Umpire's discretion.

### **LEAGUE REGULATIONS:**

Prior to each game a line-up card must be given to the opposing team, whether they ask for one or not. No line-up cards need to be turned in to the scorekeepers' booth or to the League Director.

If a game has not been completed after *seven innings*, the 50 minute time limit, or a 12 run lead after 5 innings, the Umpire will call the game at the end of the present inning. This will be a completed inning, and will be considered a completed game for league standings. **If games need to end due to weather or other circumstances, games with three completed innings will be considered a full game for league and/or tournament standings.**

A ten minute grace period will be given from the scheduled start time before a forfeit will be called or immediately after the proceeding game is over, whichever is later.

Each team should have 10 players to begin the game. If a team needs to begin play with 8 or 9 players, **2 outs will be taken with 8 players, 1 out will be taken with 9 players.** You must have 8 players to take the field. (this differs from USSSA rules, which requires 9). The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> players can take the field at any time during the game. If a team has less than eight players and is going to borrow players from another team, it must be determined beforehand with the League Director if the game is considered a forfeit or if the game will stand as played.

Each team may bat up to 14 players. This allows for free substitutions, and means that the batting order should not change as defense position changes are made. A player that arrives late may be added at the end of the batting order. If you intend to substitute players beyond 14, USSSA substitution rules apply.

Base runners must slide or try to avoid contact at any base.

**Homerun Rule: One Up/ Out- . The Homerun “One Up Rule”:** for all fields and for all games, the “One Up Rule” is in effect. Teams may only hit a maximum of +1 homeruns relative to their opponent’s home run totals. Any batter that hits a homerun for a team that is already +1 in homeruns will immediately be declared out. Runners cannot advance. If a team is -1 in home runs relative to their opponent, that team may hit two consecutive home runs, moving them from -1, to even, to +1. The home team can go up 1 in the final inning.

All players must wear some type of athletic shoes. No metal cleats are allowed.

**NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS.** No one other than players and coach/managers will be allowed in the dugouts.

Bats must be in designated areas at all times. We no longer allow children to be “bat boys” in the dugout.

**THROW AWAY YOUR GARBAGE IN ONE OF THE MANY TRASH RECEPTACLES AT THE BALL DIAMONDS!** It is the teams’ responsibility to clean out the dugout after their game, so that the next team can use the dugout, and so the Parks and Rec lawn crew doesn’t have to waste time cleaning up your mess!

Tobacco and alcohol are not permitted anywhere at the park. Violators will be asked to leave or removed from the premises.

Any player displaying unreasonable conduct on the field will be automatically expelled from the game in progress and must leave the park for the remainder of the evening. Unreasonable conduct will be determined by the Umpire and/or the League Director. Any player that is expelled from two games will be disqualified from the remainder of the season. Any unsportsmanlike conduct displayed before, during, or after a game will constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a team or player. This rule extends to the coach/manager as well.

Any protests should be settled on the spot, addressed first with the umpire then League Director

Play at your own risk, medical insurance is NOT provided by the county. The Internet Site for rules & other information is <http://www.ussa.com/slowpitch>

**IF YOU KNOW AHEAD OF GAME TIME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO FORFEIT THE GAME, CALL DJ at (385) 268- 3698 SO THAT THE OTHER TEAM CAN BE CONTACTED.**

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