

## **PB Recreation Center Softball - Mens Wood Bat Slow Pitch League Rules**

### **General Rules**

Current A.S.A. Rule Book except as specified herein:

All league games will be 9 innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. No new inning shall begin after 55 minutes has expired. Game time is forfeit time. However, opposing manager may allow a ten (10) minute grace period. The ten (10) minutes will be deducted from game time. Forfeiting team is responsible for umpire fees for BOTH teams. There are no exceptions, and you will not be allowed to continue play until umpire fees are paid.

Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to begin and end a game.

ROSTERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE START OF THE FIRST GAME! Your team will not be allowed to begin the season w/o a roster! Teams may carry 20 players on the roster. Rosters may be changed until the end of the 6th GAME only. You must use the official add form on the website, to add players after your roster is turned in! All players must be 18 years of age and out of high school and covered with medical insurance, personal, ASA or other.

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at PB Recreation Center is expressly forbidden. Any player observed drinking alcoholic beverages during a game will be warned; any additional warnings will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

### **Pitching, Batting & Baserunning**

Teams pitch to the opposing team. Pitches may not exceed 12 feet, and all pitches must reach a minimum of 6 feet high.

All batters start with a 1 and 1 count. The first foul ball after a natural three strike call is an out. The strike zone mat will be used with the plate.

Base runners may lead off when pitch is released. Force out at bag.

Home Run Rule is 1-up. You can never have more than 1 home run than your opponent. All additional over the fence HR's are an OUT.

Throwing the bat is not allowed. This is an automatic ejection and cannot be appealed.

No metal spikes are allowed. Multi-purpose shoes or tennis shoes only. No football or soccer cleats. No work boots, sandals, or bare feet.

A ball is deemed out of play when it goes past the imaginary line between the light poles. Result: Out of play after first light pole = ground rule double. Out of play after second light pole = ground rule triple.

### **Equipment**

Only wood ASA approved softball bats are allowed. Composite wood bats are NOT allowed.

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### **Administrative Rules**

Each team should keep its own scorebook in the event of a discrepancy. But, the umpire is the official scorekeeper. Should there be a score dispute, teams must have a scorebook to prove a change. No scorebook, and the umpire is 100% correct.

Teams that forfeit twice in one season -- for any reason -- are ineligible for post-season or playoffs.

Players must appear in 1/2 of the league games to be eligible for the playoffs.

Protests may be made on only 2 items: Rules interpretations OR Ineligible players. Protests on rules interpretations must be registered with the umpire before the next pitch. Protests on ineligible players must be filed with the umpire before the end of the game. All protests must be filed in writing with a \$20.00 protest fee by 5pm the next working day. Protest fees are only returned on successful protests.

Any player ejected from a game -- for any reason -- will be suspended from 2 league games. 2 ejections in one season means expulsion from the league. Suspensions carry over from season to season.

### **Playoffs:**

Top 4 qualify for double elimination playoffs

Playoff tie breakers will be:

- 1) Head to Head
- 2) Head to Head runs
- 3) total runs in the season
- 4) coin toss.

Awards (credit given for the following season):

1st Place Season - \$100

2nd Place Season \$50

Playoff Champion \$150