

MAYFIELD VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
Summer Men's 18 and Over Softball Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
7:30 p.m.

RULES

1. Registration Payments:

- Each team will pay the scorekeeper \$12 each game. With two umpires, each umpire gets \$20 each game. However if only one umpire shows up, each team will pay \$15.
- **ASA Registration** – Fill out form and check for \$30. Everyone must be registered with ASA.

2. Final Roster: Due by **Tuesday, June 22**. The maximum amount of players on the roster is 20. If a person is not on the roster or on the computer print out by June 22, the player is ineligible. Please note that a player can only occupy one roster and cannot play for other teams including teams in opposite divisions. **Note- this roster rule will be heavily enforced this year. It's your responsibility to make sure all names are on the roster. IF there is a mistake on the bgsd.com website, (i.e. misspelled name) it **MUST** be taken care of 2 weeks prior to playoffs or no changes will be made. Meaning, don't come to us the day before saying a player on your team should be eligible. **KEEP** your scores sheets to avoid any conflicts for the playoffs.

3. Matching Shirts/Equipment: All teams are required to wear matching shirts with numbers on back. **No metal spikes.** A player caught wearing metal spikes will immediately be ejected from the game and suspended 1 additional game. Consider this your only warning. The league will use a 12" Worth Softball. ASA legal bats only. **A copy of illegal bats will be kept in the strongbox.**

Bats: Any bat suspected of being altered in anyway will be taken by management and sent away for inspection. If the bat turns out to be altered, the player is **automatically banned from playing in Mayfield Village for life.** If the same team is caught using another altered bat, the whole team will become banned.

4. Rain Outs/Make Up Procedures: The weather/activity hotline is 954-4114. Will try to have it programmed no later then 5:30 p.m. If games are canceled you will hear it immediately on the recording. If the first game is canceled due to weather, all other games for that day will be canceled as well. Make-up games will be played on scheduled in Saturday's. If it is late in the season and games do not have a barring on the standings, games may not be made up.

5. Strongbox: Rakes, brooms, shovels, a first-aid kit, a copy of ASA approved bats, and a copy of the rules will be located in the strong box behind the field. Please feel free to use the equipment when light work is needed to fix up the field after a light rain.

6. Bases/Pitching Rubber: Bases will be located at 65 feet and the pitching rubber will be at 50 feet. The pitching rubber will be permanently in the ground so don't move it. There will be a safety base at first base.

7. Awards/Trophies:

- Regular Season
 - Division Champions and Runner Up will receive award for Sponsor
- Playoffs
 - Playoff Champion will receive award for Sponsor and individual awards (trophies/shirts)
 - Playoff Runner-Up will receive award for Sponsor.

8. Eligibility for Playoffs:

- 24 Plate Appearances.

9. Forfeit Rules:

- If a team forfeits two games, then that team must pay another \$124 before their next game.
- If a team forfeits four games then they will be kicked out of the league.
- If a team shows up for a game and the other team forfeits, those players from the ready-to-play-team will receive credit for a game played.
- There will not be rescheduling of games to avoid forfeits.
- After one team forfeits, if teams play an “unofficial game” and if the umpires stay, each team will pay one umpire \$20 and the scorekeeper \$6 each. The only time the forfeiting team will pay the \$40 for umpires and \$22 for the scorekeeper is when no game is played.

10. Miscellaneous Items:

- All teams will receive a scorebook and must turn in line-up cards before game.
- There will be two umpires per game.
- The champions of both divisions will be awarded the #1 seeds going into the playoffs. The overall league records will be used to determine the rest of the seeding for playoffs with the best record awarded the higher seed.
- **If a game starts (even 1 pitch thrown) and it gets cancelled due to weather, teams must pay umpire \$10 and scorekeepers \$6. The other half of payment will be returned.**

11. Rules:

Rules will follow ASA standards except those rules created specifically for the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Men’s 18 and Over Softball League:

- Games start with 1 & 1 count
- No inning will start after 65 minutes. If game is tied at conclusion of game then the sudden death procedure will be in effect regardless of the time limit. This rule states that going into the 8th inning, a runner starts out on 2nd base with no outs. After three outs, the other team receives the same opportunity. If it goes into 9 innings, runners start out on 2nd & 3rd base. The other team receives the same opportunity. If the game is still tied, teams will follow the above process but they will start with one out with a runner on second base. If it goes into the next inning then there will be runners on 2nd & 3rd with one out.
- Only 2 pinch runners allowed for entire game.
- Each team has the option to field 10 players and bat 12 players continuously (plus 2 AH). If a team starts with 12 players then they must end with 12 players. If a team start with 12 and continue playing with less than 12 (if someone has to leave, gets thrown out, or is injured, etc.), each time that person is up to bat, it is an out.
- Must have 9 players to start a game. When a team is playing with nine players, if someone is ejected then there must be a replacement or else it becomes a forfeit.
- If a team forfeits 4 games, they are not eligible for playoffs
- If a player is injured while running bases, then they can get a pinch runner but it must be the last out.
- Players may be substituted in and out following the same batting order
- 5 plus 1 Home Run Rule.
- There is a five (5) minute grace period for the first game only (cuts into 65 minutes).
- ASA Legal Bats Only. Must have the ASA Stamp on it. If a person is caught using an Illegal Bat, they will be ejected and forced to sit out the next 2 games. If a bat is thought to be “altered” in any way, we will take the bat and send it to our ASA Representative to test. If test show bat has been altered, the person who owns the bat will be given a lifetime ban from our leagues.

- **No Metal Spikes! – Due to amount of people caught wearing Metal Spikes last year, any person caught wearing them will be suspended for that game plus 1 additional. It's your responsibility as manager to tell this to your players.**
- No base blocking. If base blocking does occur, the runner will be awarded the next base.
- If the catcher is at home plate, then the runner must slide (slide or give up), except on a wild throw when it is not close (Umpire's judgment).
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CONSUMING ALCOHOL BEFORE GAMES
- NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS (this includes spectators). The league supervisor will be responsible for enforcing this rule in regards to the spectators.
- **Smoking will only be allowed in the designated smoking area. If players are smoking outside of that area, a warning will be issued for the first week only. After that, smoking outside the designated area will result in a forfeit. Sean will enforce the rule with spectators.**
- An official game is complete after 5 innings
- **Run Rule – 20 runs after 4 innings or 12 after 5 innings.**
- Mayfield Village reserves the right to throw a player out of a game for unruly behavior. If a team has a double header and a player is thrown out of the game, he may not return to play in the second game. If thrown out of a single game, the player may not return to play until the next day's game. A player could be thrown out for the season and it can be carried over to next season if warranted. **(DISCRETION PER LEAGUE SUPERVISORS, THE UMPIRES, AND BILL THOMAS)**
- **Substitute Runner:** Due to excessive use of the courtesy runner rule, an additional rule concerning substitute runner will be implemented. Each team is allowed two (2) substitute runners per game. These runners may be used at any time (either for injury or strategy). The substitute runner will be the player who made the team's previous out. After a team has used both of its substitute runners, the only way to replace a base runner is through the league's substitution rule (which requires bench players). If a player is injured running the bases after his team has used both of its substitute runners, he must either remain in the game or take an out. If the player takes an out, he cannot return to the game and the team will receive an out each time he is supposed to bat.
- **Playoff Qualified Players:** 24 plate appearances. If a team tries to use a player in the playoffs who is not eligible for the Playoffs, it is an automatic forfeit. It is the job of each manager, not the scorekeeper or supervisor, to inquire into the legitimacy of each of the opponent's players. Once a team has submitted its lineup to the scorekeeper and the first pitch is thrown, every player in that lineup is subject to the rule.
- **Sportsmanship:** Poor behavior during the regular season or in the playoffs will not be tolerated. The umpires will be instructed to eject any player taunting the opposing team, throwing equipment, or directing inappropriate language at the umpires. This is not a ban on arguing a call with an umpire. However, such arguing should be done appropriately and respectfully. Consider this each team's warning. It is the job of each manager to control the conduct of his players.

12. Player/Team Conduct: Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation has the authority to eject players or teams from the league based upon improper behaviors and/or any other situation that arises which Mayfield Village feels is inappropriate. If a player or team is ejected, then they will not receive any refund from Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation.