

Adult Coed Summer Softball Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
6:45 p.m.

RULES

Registration Payment/Official Fees/Scorekeeper/Forfeit Fee

- **ASA Registration** – Fill out form and check for \$30.
- Scorekeeping/Stats
 - Both leagues must pay the \$12 for stats
 - Standings and stats will be available at www.bgsd.com.
- The league decided to go with only one official for the games. Each team will pay the umpire \$15 at the field so he/she gets \$30 per game.
- **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.**

Final Rosters/Amount of Games to Be Eligible for Playoffs

- Final rosters are due **Friday, June 18. Tentative rosters need to be turned in by April 23** so Benander Games Sports Data can enter names into the computer. Managers can fax to Mayfield Village at (440) 461-2231.
- There is a total of 14 regular season games and a single elimination tournament for each league. Each player must be on the final roster and play in **4 regular season games** in order to be eligible to play in the playoffs. Managers
- There is 20 person roster limit.

Game Schedules/Byes

- Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation will give each team manager enough copies of the schedules for their team or we can email it to you and you can distribute; whichever you prefer.
- **With 16 teams, there will be no Bye Weeks.**
- No games will be scheduled on July 2nd.

Bats/Spikes/Softballs

- No Metal Spikes. If a player is found wearing metal spikes they will be ejected and given 1 game suspension.
- **Bats: The Recreational League - ASA Legal Bats only**
 - **Competitive League – ASA Legal Bats only PLUS no Miken or Titanium bats AND No bats with a Composite Barrel. Meaning, ASA Legal Bats with a 50/50 composite handle are allowed.**

All teams are required to bring their own bats. Every manager will receive a copy of illegal bats at the meeting and with the minutes of the meeting. A copy of illegal bats will be in the strongbox. It's your responsibility to check bat before stepping into batter's box.
- Players should check with the umpire, Sean, Bat List, before stepping into the box to determine if bat is "illegal" or not.
 - i. Anyone who brings an illegal bat (see list) to the plate and uses it ("swings with it") will be suspended that game plus the next two games.
 - ii. A slight dent does not necessarily mean the bat is illegal. If it is flattened, it will be illegal. Check with the umpire if there is doubt.
- **Softballs**-Mayfield Village will supply 14"/12" softballs for all teams. **Rec League Rule:** Females will bat using the 12in ball while males will continue to bat with the 14in ball. All softballs will be white (not the yellow version). The 12" will be red or gold stitched with 375 compression with a 44 core. They will be kept in the strongbox located at the field.

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Shirts

- Teams must have matching shirts with numbers on the back. Players must have the same color shirt with a number on the back.
- **Teams must have matching shirts by May 28.** If at this time, a player does not have a matching shirt, it is an out the first time they are up to bat. If the entire team doesn't have matching shirts then it is a forfeit.
- If a team/player does not have a shirt (or shirts) by May 28, if a receipt or some type of documentation can be presented to show that it is on order, it will not be an out the first time up to bat.

Parking

- All players must park in the gravel lot located just south of the softball fields on SOM Center Rd. Any overflow can then park in the Pool Lot. The pool opens June 12 so be careful when entering.

Rainouts/Make-Ups

- If the 6:30 p.m. games are cancelled, then all the remaining games will also be cancelled.
- Games rained out on Fridays will be made up the following Sunday (9 days from the Friday cancellation) All make-up games on Sundays will all be played at Parkview unless told otherwise beginning at 4:30pm. This will be noted on the top of each schedule.
- Tell all team members that they can call the hotline at **(440) 954-4114** to find out if there are any game cancellations. League administration hopes to program the hotline on Fridays around 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. if needed. On Sundays, the hotline should be programmed around 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. If any game is cancelled, you will hear it immediately on the recording.
- If one team cannot make it to the make-up game on Sunday, then they will forfeit. If both teams cannot make it, then it is a double forfeit.
- No make-ups on Mother's Day, Memorial or 4th of July Weekends.

Forfeits

- If a team forfeits, the team that is waiting at the field, ready to play, will receive credit as a game played (will count for one of the games needed to be eligible for playoffs)
- There will not be rescheduling of games to avoid forfeits.
- After one team forfeits, if teams play an "unofficial game" and the umpires stay, each team will pay their regular amount. The only time the forfeiting team will pay for umpires and for the scorekeeper is when no game is played.

Equipment Strong Box

- First aid kit and a copy of illegal bats will also be available here.
- Sean will have a key to the box

Awards

Individual teams will decide if they want trophies or t-shirts. All teams will make the playoffs.

- Regular season for each league
 - Champion and Runner up will both receive a trophy/plaque for the sponsor.
- Playoffs for each league
 - Champion and Runner up will both receive a trophy/plaque for the sponsor.
 - Champion will receive individual awards.

Rules Reviewed

Rules will follow ASA standards except those rules created specifically for the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Adult Coed Softball League. Umpires & Managers must go over ground rules before each game:

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1. The Infield Fly Rule will be in effect for this league.
 - Infield Fly Rule- If there are runners on 1st & 2nd or 1st, 2nd, & 3rd and a fly ball (excluding line drives) is hit into the infield, the batter is out and runners can advance at their own risk. (must have less than 2 outs)
2. Sliding is optional at 2nd and 3rd. No sliding at first and home.
 - The bases will be at 65 feet, and the pitching rubber will be 50 feet from home plate.
 - There will be a second home plate to avoid collisions. The play at home is always a force so they cannot tag the runner. If the runner uses the regular home plate it is an out.
 - The second home plate will be 8 feet from the original home plate, in line with the first base line.
3. Safety bag at first base
 - If play is at first base, runner must use the colored safety base and the defense must use the regular (white) base
 - If there is not a play at first base, runner may use white or colored base.
 - Runner may turn back to touch either the white or colored base.
4. Safety Line
 - There will be a chalk line 32 feet from third base that is perpendicular to the third base line. Once a runner passes this line, he or she must continue to the extra home plate. If the runner runs to the original home plate, it is an out. The catcher will always treat all plays at home as a force play.
5. Number of Players/Batting Order
 - In order to begin a game, there must be a minimum of (9) nine players at the field when the Umpires call for the game to start. Of those (9) nine players, there must be (4) females and (4) males. The ninth player can be of either gender.
 - 14 Batter maximum.
 - There is a continuous batting order (everyone must bat). Each player must play 2 innings in field
 - Batting order alternates between males and females.
 - **14" league-Males must alternate left and right each time up to bat**
 - **12" league-Males can bat their strong hand the entire game**
 - If a male is walked, the next female has the option of walking too or batting. This is decided prior to entering the batter's box. The previous male does not automatically go to 2nd if the female bats.
 - If a guy sits and does not bat, the team will be given a warning because he must keep his spot in the batting order. If it happens again during the game, it will be an automatic forfeit
 - If a player is injured during the game, he/she will be skipped over in the batting order without it being an out.
 - A person arriving late to the game can be added at any time as long as he/she is able to play 2 innings in the field. He/she will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
6. Time Limit
 - Maximum playing time is 65 minutes; no inning will start after 60 minutes
 - There will be a 5 minute grace period for the first game only but game will not go past 65 minutes (grace period cuts into game time)
 - If a game is in the middle of an inning at the 65 minute limit, teams will play through the inning.
 - Games that end in a tie will be left in a tie during the regular season after 7 innings unless there is time to continue play (no inning starts after 60 minutes). After 7 innings, the international tie breaker rule be used (see rule below). During the playoffs, if a game is tied, it will go into extra innings if it is within the time limit. If time does not allow extra innings then the *International Tie Breaker Rule* will be used. This rule states that going into the 8th inning, a runner (last out) 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 (last out) on second base. If it goes into the next inning then there will be runners on 2nd & 3rd with one out.

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7. Pitching Mound/Base Distance

- Pitching mound will be 50 feet.
- Bases will be 65 feet apart

8. Substitute Runners

- A runner is allowed to have a substitute runner as long as it is the last out male for male or female for female **2 total substitute runners per game.**
- If it is the first batter of the game and they need a runner, use the last guy for guy or girl for girl in the batting order.

9. Flat Pitches

- If a pitcher throws a slow pitched ball with an arc less than 6 feet from the ground or higher than 12 feet from the ground, the umpire will announce “illegal pitch”. This is an automatic ball if the batter does not swing. If the batter swings at the pitch and misses it is a strike and if he hits the ball then it is considered a hit and playable. There is no penalty other than it will be an automatic ball.

10. Language/Comments to Umpires/Comments to Other Teams

- At no time should a player or spectator use foul language or make any inappropriate comments to the umpires or players on the field.
- If comments are made to the umpire or players during a game or if inappropriate language is being used, **the team will get a warning** from the umpire. If it happens again (during the game) with any player who’s team received the warning already, the player will be thrown out and he/she must leave the field.
- If this behavior continues from other players on the team, then it is the umpire’s and league supervisor’s discretion to stop the game. If the game is stopped, then that team will receive a forfeit.

11. Miscellaneous

- Games will start with a 1 & 1 count
- Umpires will call base blocking & fake tags
- If batter has 2 strikes, after 2nd foul tip he/she is out
- An official game is complete after 5 innings (if home team is up in bottom of 5th and leading)
- Teams are allowed to have 2 females next to each other, but cannot have 2 males next to each other out in the field. **Only in the Competitive league if team wish to play a male at SS and 3rd base can teams have 2 males playing next to each other.**
- Outfielders cannot move in past grass and infield cannot move in closer than baseline until the ball is hit.
- 14” league-no home run rule
- 12” league-5+1 home run rule. – Meaning, once a team reaches 5 homeruns, they can’t hit their 6th until the other team reaches 5. It then goes up in increments of 1. (6-6, 7-7, etc.)
- If one team is winning by 12 runs, the game will be called after 5 innings.
- The higher seeded team will be the Home Team in the Championship Game.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DRINKING BEFORE ALL GAMES!!!!
- NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS
- **Smoking will only be allowed in the designated smoking area.**

Rule on Playing in Both Leagues: Teams may have 1 male and 1 female play on their team from the other league. Only those two people can play on that team. **Once they play 1 game on your team, you may not use other individuals from another team.** The two players will be considered part of your roster and they can’t be switched for new players from the other league. The players on your regular roster must play before the borrowed ones.

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.