

MAYFIELD VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
Fall Men's 18 and Over Softball League 2014

RULES

1. Fees

- Scorekeeper/Umpire Fees - \$49/team per night.
- **If a game starts (even 1 pitch thrown) and it gets cancelled due to weather, teams must pay umpire \$12 and scorekeepers \$6. The other half of payment will be returned.**

2. Rosters/Player Cards: Roster limit is 23. All players on teams must fill out player information/liability cards before playing in game. Each team will receive the cards prior to first game and need to be filled out and handed to the supervisor. **Please note that a player can only occupy one roster and cannot play for other teams including teams in opposite divisions.**

3. Matching Shirts/Equipment: All teams are required to wear matching shirts with numbers on back by June 12. **No metal spikes.** **A player caught wearing metal spikes must immediately change their shoes or the player will be ejected from the game and suspended. If caught twice, the player is suspended 2 more games.**

- **Ball** - Dudley 375/44 GSL Stamped
- **Bats (see page 9- 11 in GSL Rule book)** – USSSA/NSA Standards. All bats will still be individually tested and stamped with the Mayfield Village bat decal.

4. Rain Outs/Make Up Procedures: The weather/activity hotline is 954-4114. Will try to have it programmed no later than 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-ups will be rescheduled on Thursdays open time slots at 8:30/9:30 p.m.

5. Bases/Pitching Rubber: Bases will be located at 70 feet and the pitching rubber will be at 50 feet. The pitching rubber will be permanently in the ground so don't move it. Pitchers will have a 6ft pitching gap behind the rubber. The pitcher can pitch anywhere within that 6ft gap as long as they remain within the box. There will be a safety base at first base.

6. Awards/Trophies:

- Regular Season
 - Division Champions 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.

7. Eligibility for Playoffs:

- 12 Plate Appearances.

8. Forfeit Rules:

- If a team forfeits two games, then that team must pay another \$98 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.
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9. Miscellaneous Items:

- All teams must turn in a **legible line-up card before 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.
- Top 6 teams in each division will play in a double elimination or Best of 3 Series tournament.

10. Rules:

Rules will follow GSL 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
- There is a (5) minute grace period for the first game (6:30 time slot) only.
- No inning will start after 65 minutes. If the game is tied after the time limit or 7 inning, the game will continue until a winner is declared.
- **Run Rule** – 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4, or 12 after 5 innings.
- **Pitching Rules (see pages 33 – 35 in GSL Rule Book)**
 - **Arc – 5 – 10ft arc**
 - The Pitcher must deliver the ball within 5 seconds after assuming the pitching position on the pitchers plate (or in the 6ft pitching area), and **must present the ball in front of his body.** During this 5 second timeframe, (after presenting the ball) the pitcher may make any windup or motion desired, either in front of his body, above his head or behind his back, including stops and pauses, but the **pitcher must face home plate on delivery of pitch.**
 - The ball must be pitched underhanded at slow speeds with the arc gap of 5ft – 10ft.
 - The umpire shall declare a ball if the pitcher does not deliver the ball within the 5 seconds, delivers the pitch from outside the pitching area, and/or a quick pitch.
- 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. If 2 or more players are ejected, injured, or leave the field, then the game is automatically declared a forfeit.
- 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.
- No player can be added to the batting order after going through the lineup 1 time.
- **Substitution Rule** – Teams will be allowed to substitute all players a maximum of 2 times per game. Any player may be substituted or replaced and re-entered once, providing players occupy the same batting position in the line-up.
- **HOMERUN RULE - DHH + 2 additional HR's. (see page 31 in GSL Rule Book)**
 - All teams may have one (1) Designated Homerun Hitter (DHH) that, without penalty, may hit a homerun every time at bat. Teams must designate their DHH prior to the start of the game, or there won't be a DHH for that team. Should the DHH be walked, whether intentional or not, the next person to hit a homerun may do so without penalty, until the DHH's spot comes back up in the line-up. An additional two (2) total Homeruns are allowed for all others in the line-up. Once the two homeruns are hit, all other homeruns hit will be an out.
- 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).
- An official game is complete after 5 innings
- **Courtesy Runner (see page 28 in GSL Rule Book):** A courtesy runner may be ANYONE on the roster. The courtesy runner may be used unlimited times for one player per inning. Meaning you can use that courtesy runner as many times as you need in that one inning but only for that one player. The following inning, teams can use a different courtesy runner **but they must be in uniform and on your roster.** If the courtesy runner is on base and comes to bat, an out will be taken for that spot in the order. There can be no substitution for the courtesy runner.

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- **Playoff Qualified Players:** 12 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/Bad Language:** No player, coach, or occupants of team bench shall not incite, or try to incite by words, or sign, or demonstration to either opposing teams/spectators, or umpires. The use of profane or abusive language or taunting will not be tolerated. Players violating the above can be ejected from the game without warning. A player/coach with excessive arguing of balls/strikes, carelessly throwing bats, or any other act considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct shall be given a warning. A repeated violation shall cause the offender to be immediately removed from the game and playing area, including the bench.
 - **Any player thrown out of a game will automatically be suspended for the following game. League supervisor also has authority to lengthen the suspension depending on the situation.**

11. 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 team is ejected, then they will not receive any refund from Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation.

12. Alcohol/Smoking/Trash:

- **No Alcohol permitted at the fields (this includes spectators).** The league supervisor will be responsible for enforcing this rule in regards to the spectators. If teams are caught drinking at the fields by either umpires/supervisors, they shall be given 1 warning for the season. A 2nd incident shall result in the game currently be played as a forfeit.
- **Smoking is allowed at the facility but all cigarettes must be deposited in designated smoking towers that are stationed at each bench.**
- **Trash** – Following each game, and before vacating the bench area, please throw away all garbage, bottles, etc into the cans located at every bench. **Please help keep our facilities clean!**

13. No Soft Toss against the fences!