



## ***LEAGUE RULES – SPRING SEASON '07***

### Administration Rules:

1. League Entry and Team Registration Fees are due in full the first week of league play. *A team will not be allowed to start their game the third week of the season if they have an outstanding balance.*
2. The Roster/Waiver Form must be signed by all players and is due before the start of the second week of the season. The rosters will be on file in the sports office and any additional players **MUST** sign prior to participation. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Those participants that are between 16-18 years old must submit a minor permission slip.
3. Teams are responsible for paying the umpire and scorekeeper prior to the start of their game each week.
4. If a team forfeits without giving 48 hour notice, they will be responsible for paying the umpire fees for both teams of the forfeited game. This fee must be paid in full prior to playing their next scheduled game.
5. Inclement Weather Procedures. Teams will be responsible for calling into the weather line at 760-451-0012 for updates on weather caused schedule changes. A decision on field conditions will not be made before 3:30 pm on weekdays.
6. Games will consist of 7 innings or the following time limits. No new inning shall start after the noted time allotment. Men's Program – 55 minutes Coed Program – 65 minutes
7. A game ball will be provided to start each game. After that ball is exhausted, the teams will be responsible for replacing the balls they hit out of play. Teams **MUST** provide a USSSA stamped ball for play. This will be strongly enforced starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the season. Balls may be purchased from the site director if the team does not have one on hand.
8. Unsportsmanlike Conduct will **NOT** be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to arguing balls/strikes and judgment calls, profanity, and taunting of opposing team. A player may be ejected without warning for any unsportsmanlike conduct. An ejected player **MUST** leave the playing area immediately and will sit out the next scheduled league game.
9. The provided scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper. A batting line-up must be submitted prior to the start of the game. Please confirm scores after each inning with the scorekeeper to avoid discrepancies.
10. Schedules, Standings, and League information will be posted at [www.slowpitchfirst.com](http://www.slowpitchfirst.com).
11. Leagues will be sanctioned with USSSA. The USSSA rulebook will serve as the governing book with the following league adaptations.

## Playing Rules:

1. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game. Teams may start with more and drop to a minimum of 8 for any reason other than ejection of player. If a player is ejected, the team must have a substitute or the batting spot will be recorded as an out. There is no "out" penalty for playing with less than 10 other than the ejected player noted above.
2. Warm-up time between each inning will be limited to one minute.
3. Defensive teams shall consist of 10 players. In the Coed program it is a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. If necessary, a Coed team may have more women on the field than men. If a Coed team starts with 8 players, it must be 4 women and 4 men.
4. The Batting order shall consist of a maximum of 11 players in the Men's program and 12 players in the Coed program. The Coed line-up must alternate male/female. Both genders will hit the 12" ball.
5. Courtesy runners may be used. The last recorded out will serve as courtesy runner (Male for male, female for female in the Coed program). Each team is allowed only one courtesy runner per inning - one of each gender for Coed.
6. All Batters will go to the plate with a 1 ball/1 strike count.
7. The strike mat will be used and the pitch height distance will be 4 ft - 12 ft.
8. Home Run Limits:  
Men's A - unlimited    Men's B - one up rule    Coed - unlimited
9. Coed Walk Rule - if a male batter is walked, the batter will be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> base and the following female batter will have the choice to walk or hit. Other base runners will advance only if forced to do so.
10. Coed 180 ft Arc Rule - when a female is batting, all outfield players must be behind the 180 ft arc until the ball is hit.
11. A Mercy Rule/Run Rule will be used in all divisions of play. The rule shall be 20 runs after 4 innings and 15 runs after 5 innings.
12. The umpire along with the site director will handle and rule on all protests.

## League Contact Information:

There will always be a site director at the facility to assist teams.

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