

League Rules

2022 CSP Softball League Rules

No Vulgar Language will be tolerated

Three Strike Rule in effect for vulgar language. A GENERAL WARNING will be given at the home plate meeting.

- **Strike One: Warning is given at the FIRST occurrence.**
- **Strike Two: Batter is out. If swearing occurs while team is on the field- The Next player hitting for that team is out in the next half inning**
- **Strike Three: Player is ejected from game and finished for THAT NIGHT ONLY. Our normal ejection policy of sitting thru that following week does not occur with vulgar language ejections.**
- ***Please understand that this rule is applied based on occurrences per team, not per player. ***

Complex Rules:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO SEEDS, GUM, CHEWING TOBACCO, OR SHELLLED NUTS ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT OR FIELD OF PLAY**
- **No Metal Spikes! INCLUDES FOOTBALL STEEL TIPS**
- **Violators of above rules MAY be automatically ejected from park with no exceptions (spectators included)**
- **It is against Connecticut State Law to Consume Alcoholic Beverages in the Parking Lot**
- **If any team member is caught consuming an alcoholic beverage in the parking lot or dugout his team may be subject to \$50 fine and/or ejection from league.**
- **Any player caught with any alcoholic beverage not purchased at the Connecticut Sportsplex may be subject to ejection from park and banned from league.**
- **No batting balls into fences at any time**
- **No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in dugouts or on playing fields at any time**
- **No Pets of Any Kind Allowed at any time**

USA Softball Rules of Play:

- **Rules of play will adhere to the ASA/USA rule book with exception of the following:**
- Start Count: 1 ball, 1 strike, 3RD Strike foul is an out
- All pitched balls must have an arc of 6 to 10 or it will be ruled a ball
- Umpires will call out illegal pitches
- Mats will be used for all E, E Plus, REC, and COED Games. If a pitch hits the mat and/or the plate and it is within the legal arc height then the pitch will be ruled a strike. NO MATS WILL BE USED IN THE D COMP LEAGUE
- Time Limits:
 1. ***E/Rec/Coed Leagues: 1 Hour 05 minutes from start of game. No new inning can start after 60 minutes. Umpires will request HUSTLE when time limit approaches.***
 2. ***D League: 1 hour 15 minutes from start of game. No new inning may begin after 1 hour 05 minutes. Umpires will request HUSTLE as time limit approaches.***
- EXTRA INNINGS: IF THE GAME IS TIED WHEN TIME LIMIT REACHES, 1 EXTRA INNING WILL BE PLAYED. Game will be Win/Lose/Tie. The last batted out starts at second base and no courtesy runner can be used until the base runner reaches 3rd base.
- A game will end after the home team has batted and either team is ahead by **20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings.**
- **FLIP FLOP RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT WHEN THE HOME TEAM IS DOWN BY THE RUN RULE AT BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING INNING (IE IF THE HOME TEAM IS LOOSING BY 20 OR MORE RUNS GOING INTO THE TOP OF THE 3RD INNING, THEY WILL TAKE THEIR AT CONSECUTIVE AT BATS/IF HOME TEAM IS DOWN BY 15 OR MORE RUNS AFTER 3RD INNING, THEY WILL BAT IN THE TOP OF THE 4TH/IF THE HOME TEAM IS DOWN BY 10 AFTER 4, THEY WILL TAKE THE AT BATS IN THE TOP OF THE 5TH INNING)**
- Each team can use 1 COURTESY RUNNER PER INNING (Anyone on the roster) Female must run for Female, Male Must run for male.
- Unintentional entry into outfield dead ball area is a one base award. If intentional as judged by umpire, it will be a two base award
- All equipment must be kept in the dugout
- All players must remain in the dugout (One man up, one man on deck only)
- Umpires are responsible for turning in scorecards from each game. Team captains are asked to verify score at the end of game.
- No batting or practices on the infield
- Teams playing are responsible for providing balls/retrieving foul balls
- Any discussion with an umpire must be through the team captain/designated player only. Any non-designated player discussing rulings will be subjected to immediate ejection
- **Any ejection will result in a 1 week suspension from the team. If you get thrown out of a game, you will be out for the remainder of that nights game(s) as well as the following weeks game(s). Any ejection/suspension is subject to review from the CT Sportsplex softball director, as well as the board of Umpires.**

- **Home Runs:**
 - **Tuesday Night Leagues will be subject to team entries into each division. It will model below:**
 1. D: Allowed 4 homeruns per game. Any other homerun will result in an out
 2. E Plus: Allowed 3 homeruns per game. Any other homerun will result in an out.
 3. E Allowed 2 home runs per game. Any other homerun will result in an out.
 4. Rec: 1 Home Runs
 5. Coed: Total of 1 homerun per gender per game. Any homerun will result in an out
- Thursday NIGHT Home Runs: 2 Home Runs Per Game

Bats:

2000 and up USA bat restrictions will be enforced along with the following:

NO Composite Bats except for Thursday Night D League

Coed: No composite bats allowed for male hitters - Females may swing composite bats

Safety:

Please keep all children out of the dugout area

Dangerous bats will be removed from the game at any time (Umpire's judgment)

NO metal spikes allowed

Throwing a bat is an immediate ejection

Administration:

Each team supplies one ball. CSP will provide each team a supply of balls at first game

Umpire Fee is \$35 per team for all E, E Plus, Rec, And Coed League Games (2 man system for every game - In the event of 1 umpire, the fee will be \$27 per team).

The CT Sportsplex requires teams give AT LEAST 48 hours notice on a game(s) cancellation or you and your team are subject to \$50 forfeit fee per game cancelled. The forfeit fee will be paid to the umpire in chief 48 hours prior to your teams next game or your team is subject to removal of the league.

Rain out number is 484-4383 ext. 9 after 4:00 P.M. (Please do not call before 4:00 p.m.)

I understand that as team manager I am responsible for my teams conduct and compliance with all Connecticut Sportsplex rules and policies both posted and stated above.

I also understand that I am responsible for communicating these rules and policies to my team and that ignorance of these rules does not excuse non-compliance.

I further agree that the Connecticut Sportsplex reserves the right to take punitive action such as forfeiture of fees, ejection from the park, and possible suspension if any of these rules and policies is violated.

Signature_____

Team Name:
