

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
2019 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

UNIFORM SHIRT RULE

All players must be dressed in matching uniform shirts (**All shirts must match in color and have a printed number**). Any player(s) listed on the score sheet that takes a position at bat or in the field in a non-matching shirt will have an out declared on his/her first time at-bat. If that time at bat comes with two out, the uniform penalty third out will end the inning. If the player(s) first takes a position in the field, the umpire(s) shall notify the scorer of the violating player(s). The scorer will make a note on the score sheet and inform the umpire (s) when the violating player (s) first comes to bat.

No substitutions or changing of shirts to circumvent the penalty out will be recognized. The penalty out will be declared only on the first time at-bat. The player(s) then may continue to play in the non-matching shirt(s) without penalty.

THIS RULE GOES INTO EFFECT BEGINNING MAY 13th FOR ALL LEAGUES!

The uniform rule is waived until that date, per the League Director

UNIFORM SHIRT RULE SITUATIONS

PLAY 1: Home team takes the field in the first with nine players in matching shirts and F10 in a non-matching T-shirt. Home team comes to bat and prior to F10's turn at bat; coach realizes he has an extra matching shirt in his bag, which F10 puts on. With two out and the bases loaded, F10 steps in the box, now wearing a matching shirt.

RULING: F10 is called out and the inning is over. When F10 took a position on the field, he violated the uniform shirt rule.

PLAY 2: Same as Play 1. Home team comes to bat as late-arriving S1 gets to the bench. S1, who is wearing a matching shirt, is substituted for F10. With two out and the bases loaded S1 steps in the box.

RULING: S1 is called out and the inning over. When F10 took a position on the field, he violated the uniform rule. No substitution to circumvent the penalty out will be recognized.

PLAY 3: Visiting team is batting in the first. B6 will be wearing a non-matching shirt when his turn at bat arrives. Late-arriving B11, seeing he has not been included on the lineup, gives his matching shirt to B6 before B6 comes to bat, the inning ends and B6 takes a position on defense, wearing a matching shirt. B6 then leads off the second base.

RULING: There is no penalty. To violate the uniform rule, any player (s) must be listed on the score sheet and take a position at bat or on the field. B6 was wearing a matching shirt when he first took a position on the field.

PLAY 4: Home team takes the field with 10 players wearing 10 shirts, none of which match.

RULING: Home team will have nine penalty outs called during its first run through the batting order. One of the shirts may be recognized as the uniform shirt; the other nine are considered non-matching shirts and penalized accordingly.