

## 2012 EUCLID WOMEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE RULES

### **Classification:**

Women's Slo-Pitch will play as one division. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **Official Rules Governing Play:**

Official rules adopted by the Euclid Sports Commission shall govern play under the jurisdiction of the Euclid Recreation Commission.

**ANY RULE IN THE SLO-PITCH RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT COVERED BY THE BASIC RULES OF THE LEAGUE WILL REFER TO THE 2012 AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (A.S.A.) RULES.**

### **Entrance Procedure and Fees:**

The entry fee for Division I and II is \$485. The fee includes two dozen softballs, A.S.A. registration fee and Benander Games statistics. This fee does not include a forfeit fee this year. If a team does forfeit, it must pay \$54 to cover its fee and the other teams game fees.

### **Eligibility and Roster:**

Any woman who will have reached her fourteenth (14) birthday before the last scheduled game is eligible for the Euclid Women's Slo-Pitch League.

The official league roster for each team will be limited to twenty (20) players which includes player-coaches and player-managers.

**A player may play on only one team and in only one division of the Women's Slo-Pitch League. Women may play in the Senior Women's League.**

### **Medical Service:**

The Euclid Parks and Recreation Commission will not assume any responsibility for injuries or medical fees. It is recommended that each player carry his own medical insurance.

### **Residency Policy:**

A residency requirement will be in effect if the league is full and there are teams that must be turned away,

### **Additional Players & Releases:**

Players may be added up to July 1, 2012, but a no time may the player limit be exceeded. All released players must be properly released in writing to the league director.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, A PLAYER MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FIVE (5) REGULAR SEASON GAMES. PLAYERS WITH EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE RULED ELIGIBLE BY APPROVAL OF THE EUCLID SPORTS COMMISSION. NO PLAYER SHALL BE ADDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER JULY 1, 2012 UNLESS SPECIFIC APPROVAL IS GIVEN BY THE EUCLID SPORTS COMMISSION.**

If a player wants to be released and the manager refuses to do so, the player, if she has a valid reason, may appeal in writing to the Euclid Sports Commission for the release. If approved, the player must follow the regular league rules concerning a released player who wishes to play for another team in the league.

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**Time Limit on Games:**

No new inning will start after one hour and ten minutes of playing time in all games except the last game of the night. **THAT GAME WILL HAVE THE PARK CURFEW OR A CAP OF ONE HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES AS ITS TIME LIMIT.** Tie Games will be counted as 1/2 win. 1/2 loss. A game halted by time limit will be ruled an official game.

**Expedite and Mercy Rule:**

After 3 1/2 or four innings, if a team coming to bat leads by 18 runs or more or, after 4 1/2 or five innings, the team coming to bat leads by 12 runs or more, the game will be over and the leading team will be declared the winner. If the home team reaches the run spread during its half of the inning, the game will end at that time. Also, after the first inning, a pitcher shall have one warm-up.

**Number of Players:**

A team may start a game with 9 players and finish with 9 players. However, a team may designate the **10th spot** in the batting order for a player that has not arrived. The team doesn't need to designate a particular player's name, just the fact that they are planning to use a 10th player. If the 10th player shows up, he may be put into the line-up immediately, providing the 10th spot was in the line-up prior to the start of the game. This means that if the designated 10th player does not show up by the time he is scheduled to bat, it will be an automatic out. If a team does not designate a 10th spot in the batting order, a player coming late may be only be inserted as a substitute for one of the starting nine players. **A TEAM MAY USE UP TO TWO EXTRA HITTERS IN THEIR LINE-UP.**

**Official Ball:**

The official ball will be the leather covered .44 core, 375 compression ball handed out at the organizational meeting.

**Bats:**

Only A.S.A. approved bats with a 1.2 rating will be allowed. All bats on the A.S.A. banned bat list are illegal. **Players using an illegal bat will be ejected from the game and given the following choice: Either let the bat be confiscated by the league director for the balance of the season or be suspended for the balance of the season.**

**Umpires:**

Two umpires will be assigned to all games. Umpires will be pair prior to each game by the teams. The fee is **\$20** per man for each seven-inning game. The umpire is entitled to **\$10** for all games less than five innings in which inclement weather has been a factor in calling the game. If only one umpire shows up for a game, the game will be played and each team will pay the umpire **\$13**.

**Scorers:**

Scorers will be assigned to all games and will be paid prior to each game by the teams. The fee is **\$7** for each seven inning game for each team. The scorer will forward the scoresheet to the league director with copies to each team. If a scorer fails to show, each team is responsible for its statistics and must report same to the league director.

**Uniforms:**

There will be no uniform rule this season. It is suggested that teams get uniform shirts but, there is no penalty if a player does not have a uniform.

**Language Rule:**

A player using profanity will force his team to take an "out" before the next batted on his team bats. No batter will miss his turn at bat, but an out will be given to the team at bat.

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**Rule Inforcement - League Director Authority:**

The league director has the authority to take appropriate action when irregularities are discovered.

**Rowdyism - Disorderly Conduct:**

Only the manager (or acting manager) and player(s) involved may dispute with the umpire.

No rowdyism or disorderly conduct on the part of players, managers or coaches or their supporters shall be tolerated before, during and after the game. Managers are to control their spectators as well as their own players. **NOTE: Players, coaches or managers are still under the authority of the umpire after the game.** Violators will be severely disciplined by the Euclid Sports Commission. It is the duty of the umpire and scorer to report such instances immediately.

All softball games are conducted under the jurisdiction of the Euclid Recreation Commission. The Arbitration Board shall consist of at least three members of the Euclid Sports Commission and will meet when deemed necessary by the league director to handle matters of protest, appeals and disciplinary action.

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE PLAYING FIELD . THIS INCLUDES THE PLAYERS BENCH AREA. UMPIRES ARE DIRECTED TO STOP THIS PRACTICE.

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**Any team member ejected for any violation is automatically suspended for the next game in which her team participates with further action coming from the Arbitration Board when deemed necessary.**

**Any team member ejected for fighting is automatically suspended until the case is decided by the league director or the Arbitration Board.**

**ANY TEAM MEMBER (MANAGER, COACH OR PLAYER) EJECTED THREE (3) TIMES DURING THE SEASON WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON AND THE CASE SUBMITTED TO THE ARBITRATION BOARD FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

Any player who physically attacks an official shall be indefinitely suspended and the offending team may also be expelled should it be deemed necessary by the league office. The game may be ended at the time of the infraction if the umpire feels further problems may occur. A hearing shall be given to the offending player in front of the proper authority.

The Arbitration Board shall review all cases involved under the rules of disciplinary action with a minimum of three members being present.

The above provisions applying to suspension shall include all players, coach's and managers.

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