

**Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation  
Adult Coed Fall Softball League 2014**

**RULES**

**Registration Payment/Official Fees/Scorekeeper/Forfeit Fee**

- Scorekeeping/Stats
  - \$12 for scorekeepers
  - \$13 for umpire
- **If a game starts (even 1 pitch thrown) and it gets cancelled due to weather, teams must pay umpire \$10 and scorekeepers \$6. The other half of payment will be returned.**

**Roster Cards/Playoff Eligibility**

- Each player must fill out a Player Liability card before playing in a game. Managers will receive the cards prior to their first game, and each player must have one filled out. Players only need to fill out one card for the entire season.
- Playoff Eligibility: 9 Plate Appearances
- There is 23 person roster limit.

**Bats/Spikes/Softballs**

- No Metal Spikes. Players must change shoes if caught wearing spikes. If caught wearing them a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, its an automatic ejection.
- **Bats** – USSSA/NSA Standards. Bats will be tested, approved, and stamped with the Mayfield Village decal.
- **Softballs**- Dudley 375/44 GSL Stamped

**Parking**

- All players must park in the gravel lot located just south of the softball fields on SOM Center Rd.

**Rainouts/Make-Ups**

- If the 7:00 p.m. games are cancelled, then all the remaining games will also be cancelled.
- Hotline Number (440) 954-4114 to find out if there are any game cancellations. League administration hopes to program the 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. if needed. If any game is cancelled, you will hear it immediately on the recording.
- If one team cannot make it to the make-up game, then they will forfeit. If both teams cannot make it, then it is a double forfeit.

**Forfeits**

- If a team forfeits, the team that is waiting at the field, ready to play, will receive credit as a game played (will count for one of the games needed to be eligible for playoffs)
- There will not be rescheduling of games to avoid forfeits.

**Awards**

- Regular season for each league
  - Champions will receive a trophy/plaque for the sponsor.
- Playoffs for each league
  - Champion and Runner up will both receive a trophy/plaque for the sponsor.
  - Champion will receive individual awards (team manager must contact Sean to order awards)

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## Rules Reviewed

Rules will follow GSL standards except those rules created specifically for the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Adult Coed Softball League. Umpires & Managers must go over ground rules before each game:

### 1. Bases/Sliding/Extra Home Plate

- The bases will be at 65 feet, and the pitching rubber will be 50 feet from home plate.
- Sliding is allowed at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. No sliding at 1<sup>st</sup> or home.
- There will be a second home plate to avoid collisions. The play at home is always a force so they cannot tag the runner. If the runner uses the regular home plate it is an out.
- The second home plate will be 8 feet from the original home plate, in line with the first base line.

### 2. Safety bag at first base

- If play is at first base, runner must use the colored safety base and the defense must use the regular (white) base
- If there is not a play at first base, runner may use white or colored base.
- Runner may turn back to touch either the white or colored base.

### 3. Safety Line

- There will be a chalk line 32 feet from third base that is perpendicular to the third base line. Once a runner passes this line, he or she must continue to the extra home plate.

### 4. Number of Players/Batting Order

- **Teams start with even amount of males and females (5 and 5, 6 and 6, etc.)**
- The only exception will be for teams starting 9 players. Teams may start with 5 men and 4 women or 5 women and 4 men. If starting with 5 men, a male must begin the batting order and the 10<sup>th</sup> spot will be an out. If starting with 5 women, a female must begin the batting order with two consecutive females batting 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> therefore no automatic out. If the fifth member of the opposite gender arrives after the game begins, he/she must be inserted in the tenth spot in the batting order.
- 14 batter maximum.
- Batting order alternates between males and females.
- Males bat strong handed.
- **Teams are allowed to have 2 females next to each other, but cannot have 2 males next to each other except at SS and 3<sup>rd</sup> base can teams have 2 males playing next to each other.**
- If a male is walked he will automatically go to 2<sup>nd</sup> bases. The next female batter then has the option to either walk, or take her at bat.
- If a player is injured during the game, he/she will be skipped over in the batting order without it being an out.
- A player may be added to the lineup at any time during the game but must be added at the bottom of the lineup.

### 5. Time Limit

- 65 minute limit.
- There will be a 5 minute grace period for the first game only but game will not go past 65 minutes (grace period cuts into game time)
- If a game is in the middle of an inning at the 65 minute limit, teams will play through the inning.
- **Games that end in a tie will be left in a tie during the regular season after 7 innings.**
- During the playoffs, if a game is tied, it will go into extra innings if it is within the time limit. If time does not allow extra innings then the *International Tie Breaker Rule* will be used. This rule states that going into the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, a runner (last out) starts out on 2<sup>nd</sup> base with no outs. After three outs, the other team receives the same opportunity. If it goes into 9 innings, runners start out on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The other team receives the same opportunity. If the game is still tied, teams will follow the above process but they will start with one out with a runner (last out) on second base. If it goes into the next inning then there will be runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> with one out.

## 6. Pitching Mound

- Pitchers are permitted to use 6ft pitching area directly behind the rubber. Pitcher must have 1 foot within that "pitching box" while throwing pitch.

## 7. Substitute Runners

- A runner is allowed to have a substitute runner as long as it is the last out male for male or female for female. **2 males and 2 female sub per game.**
- If it is the first batter of the game and they need a runner, use the last guy for guy or girl for girl in the batting order.

## 8. Pitching Arc

- **Pitching Arc – 5-10 ft.**

## 9. Homerun Limit/Run Rule

- **3+1 home run rule.** – Meaning, once a team reaches 3 homeruns, they can't hit their 4<sup>h</sup> until the other team reaches 3. It then goes up in increments of 1. (6-6, 7-7, etc.)
- **Run Rule – 20 after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 12 runs after 5 innings**

## 10. Outfielders

- Outfielders cannot move in past grass and infield cannot move in closer than baseline until the ball is hit.
- **Outfielders are not permitted to throw the hitter out at first bases.**

## 11. Language/Comments to Umpires/Comments to Other Teams

- At no time should a player or spectator use foul language or make any inappropriate comments to the umpires or players on the field.
- If comments are made to the umpire or players during a game or if inappropriate language is being used, **the team will get a warning** from the umpire. If it happens again (during the game) with any player who's team received the warning already, the player will be thrown out and he/she must leave the field.
- If this behavior continues from other players on the team, then it is the umpire's and league supervisor's discretion to stop the game. If the game is stopped, then that team will receive a forfeit

## 12. Miscellaneous

- Games will start with a 1 & 1 count
- Umpires will call base blocking & fake tags
- If batter has 2 strikes, after 2<sup>nd</sup> foul tip he/she is out
- An official game is complete after 5 innings (if home team is up in bottom of 5<sup>th</sup> and leading)
- The higher seeded team will be the Home Team in the Championship Game.
- **Smoking will be allowed at benches but cigarettes must be deposited in smokers towers located at each bench.**

**13. No Drinking is permitted at the Softball Fields. This goes for all players and spectators. Anyone caught drinking at the fields will be immediately thrown out of the game and suspended for 1 game.**

**Player/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 player or team is ejected, then they will not receive any refund from Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation.