



SOFTBALL RULES

Number of Players on the Field:

10 Players (at least 4 females), minimum to start: 8 players (at least 3 female)

Forfeit Time:

Teams will have 10 minutes after their scheduled game time to take the field. If the team is not mostly there by that time, they will receive a forfeit. Umpire is free to extend forfeit time at his discretion.

Length of Game:

7 Inning Games, 1 hour

Mercy Rule: 10 Runs after 5 innings.

Equipment:

Softballs: Worth ProTac, Super Gold Dot, 12"

Bats: USSSA and ASA Approved Bats

Cleats: NO METAL CLEATS, Rubber cleats only

The Count:

Each batter approaches the plate with 1 Ball & 1 Strike, a 1-1 count.

Home Runs:

Field dimensions will be at the discretion of the umpire, and will be field dependent.

There are no fences. Ground-Rule double rules will be given by each umpire before the game.

Ejection Policy:

Any player that is ejected from a game, for any reason, will automatically be suspended for the following league game, whether it be on that night, or the following week. Any ejected player will be asked to leave the property for the remainder of the game. Two ejections in one season will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and playoffs.

Ejections will occur by using illegal equipment, fighting, running over runner/fielder, arguing with the umpire, etc.

Infield Fly:

A fair batted ball (not a line drive) that can be caught in flight by an infielder with ordinary effort will be declared an out if:

There are runners on 1st and 2nd with less than 2 outs, or,

There are runners on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with less than 2 outs.

Pitching:

The ball must be pitched underhanded at a slow speed.

The ball must arc at least 3 ft after leaving the pitcher's hand, but may not exceed 10 ft from the ground.

The ball must land on, or directly behind home plate.

All Pitching requirements will be monitored at the Umpires Discretion.

Base Running:

Runners must slide feet first, and may not use a slide to disrupt a play, or contact a fielder. Aggressive sliding will result in a warning. Second warning will result in an ejection.

Standard baseball base-running rules apply.

Batting:

Bat to Ball contact must only occur while player is in the batters box.

There is no guy/girl batting order requirements.

Hermes Sport & Social will attempt to reschedule any games that are cancelled due to weather.

**Umpires discretion will be apparent during league play.
Please be courteous to the umpires when handling all discrepancies.**