

FAN BEHAVIOR

All fans attending city league games are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Fans may not harass any player, coach, official or opposing fan with obscenities or negative comments. This behavior may result in fan ejection, team ejection and/or forfeit.

It would be in the best interest of each manager to confront spectators before such action would be taken.

CO-ED DIVISION RULES

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO CO-ED PLAY ONLY:

- (a) Defensive positioning - 2 males and 2 females in the outfield, 2 males and 2 females in the infield, and 1 male and 1 female in the pitcher-catcher position.
- (b) Batting order - alternate the sexes, no exception.
- (c) **If a male batter walks he will be awarded 2nd base, and the female will be required to bat, except when there are 2 outs and then she will have the option to walk or bat.**
- (d) All other rules to be those as printed in the Official A.S.A. Guide.
- (e) The "EP" (Extra Player) may be used in co-ed play.
- (f) If extra players are used, one of each sex must be used.



UMPIRE AUTHORITY

When a ball game is started, the umpires are in full authority.

Ground rules are adopted and explained to each manager, who in turn will explain the ground rules to their players.

Players and substitutes of both teams shall confine themselves to their team's benches, unless actually participating in the play or preparing to enter the game. No one except players, substitutes, managers, coaches and bat boys shall occupy benches during game time.

No manager, player, substitute, coach or bat boy shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coach's box, on the playing field, in the bleachers, behind the backstop or elsewhere, use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, umpires or spectators.

Any player ejected from a game for misconduct automatically is suspended from the next scheduled game. An ejection form must be completed by player within one week. If not completed by next game-time player will not be allowed to participate.

When a manager, player or coach is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the area of the playing field immediately and take no further part in the game. If this participant does not leave the playing area, the manager of the team will need to leave with player and a two game suspension will be assessed. If the situation can not be resolved it will be a team forfeit.

All team members are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during the course of the ball game they are playing while on the field or in the dugout. This relates to any member of the team, whether they are in the lineup or not. Young Park concessions has alcoholic beverages for sale, **NO ONE** is allowed to bring alcohol inside the park fences, nor allowed to carry alcohol out of the fenced park area per Missouri State Law.



Adult Slow Pitch Softball Rules & Regulations



Blue Springs Parks & Recreation



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RULES & REGULATIONS

In consideration of being permitted to become members of the City of Blue Springs leagues, teams and players agree to the following rules and regulations.

Official Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) playing rules as outlined in the 2008 Official Guide, and specific Blue Springs Parks and Recreation league rules will govern all games.

ROSTERS AND CONTRACTS

Team rosters shall be limited to 20 players per team. All players must sign the roster before it is turned in prior to the 2nd game of the season. After the 4th game of the season, players may not be added except in case of injury.

Players receiving injuries that will disable them from participating for the balance of the season may be replaced at any time when documentary proof to support the claim is presented to the League Supervisor (a player may not be temporarily replaced).

All players must be at least 18 years of age or be a high school graduate, age 18 or over.

GENERAL RULES

All players will come to the plate with a 1 & 1 count.

Game time is forfeit time. Eight players are required to start and continue.

The team that elects to start the game with the "EP" in the lineup (starting eleven (11) players), may finish without the "EP" (finishing with 10 players). (Will not apply in A.S.A. sanctioned tournaments.)

No infield practice after the 1st inning.

Any pitched ball that hits the ground or plate cannot be legally swung at by the batter.

A.S.A. home run limits will be in effect. Balls hit over the fence in excess of these limits will be outs.

A.S.A. jewelry rules will be enforced. No jewelry shall be worn by players during league games. If a team player is wearing jewelry they will be assessed an out for each time at bat. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry, but if worn, they must be taped to the body.

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Any player can only participate on one team per league per night.

Scorekeeping: Scorekeepers will be provided.

RE-ENTRY

Any of the starting players, including the "EP" (Extra Player), may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided players occupy the same batting position whenever in the lineup. The starting player and his substitute may not be in the lineup at the same time.

HOME RUNS

Home run limits for each league will be as follows:

B and **Church** leagues - **5**,

C leagues - **4**

D leagues - **3**

TIME LIMIT

All regular scheduled games shall be of seven (7) innings duration with the following exceptions:

There will be a one (1) hour time limit on all games. No inning shall begin after one (1) hour, unless the score remains tied. In case of a tie, the game is to continue until it is completed.

The umpire is the official timer. If a player is injured in play, the umpire shall add the time it takes to remove him from the playing field and notify each manager and scorekeeper of the amount of time added.

If due to rain or darkness, a game is called prior to its completion, it shall be resumed at the exact point where it stopped.

The umpire shall call the game at the end of three innings if one team is leading the other with a fifteen (15) run spread or at the end of five innings if one team is leading the other with a ten (10) run spread.

FORFEITS

Any team that forfeits **two (2)** or more games in one session will not be allowed to participate in Blue Springs leagues for **one (1)** year.

PROTESTS

All protests except one involving umpires judgment, must be made to the umpire in charge before the next legal pitch, and then filed in writing, accompanied by a \$25 deposit, with the Parks & Recreation Office within 48 hours of the protested game. If the protest is allowed, the money will be returned. The protest committee shall consist of the Athletic Coordinator, head official and one (1) person named by the Athletic Coordinator. The decision of the protest committee is final and binding.

CLASSIFICATION

The Parks & Recreation department reserves the right to move a team up to a higher classification based upon their play from previous years, especially if a team has won a league in a particular classification two seasons in a row.

RETURNING TEAMS

A returning team is defined as : More than 50% of its players listed on the roster returning from the previous year.

UNIFORMS

Teams are encouraged to wear matching colored shirts. All shirts are required to have individual numbers (per player), of at least 6 inches in height (No Tape). Failure to have a legible individual shirt number, player will be assessed an out for each time at bat. Players must be listed in the scorebook by first and last name, and number. Metal cleated shoes of any type are prohibited.

RAINY, WEATHER-WET DIAMONDS

A decision will be made on field conditions by 4:00 p.m. weekdays. If field conditions are questionable, MANAGERS ONLY are requested to call for this information on a recording at 228-0116 after 4:00 p.m. If it rains between 4:00 and game time, the League Supervisor and/or the umpires assigned to the evening games shall make the final decision as to whether the game shall be played or not played as scheduled. Teams must report to the fields at scheduled time or risk forfeiture of the game.

Rain-out games may be rescheduled on Saturdays, or the next available weekday at the conclusion of the regular season.

EQUIPMENT

Playing fields, awards, lights, umpires, and scorekeepers will be provided.

Men's league play will use the 12-inch ball. Women's league play will use the 11-inch ball. Two softballs for coed - the 11-inch ball will be used when the female bats and the 12-inch ball when the male bats.

Teams must provide their own 375 compression 44 COR A.S.A. approved softballs.

Bat Restriction: Miken Ultra I, Miken Ultra II, Maxload and Miken Orange Recoil bats will not be allowed. **ASA stamped bats only.**

Bases: Bases will be 70 ft. and pitching rubber 53 ft. during league play.

TEAM PLACEMENT

In the event of ties at the end of regular season play, the head-to-head record between the teams involved will determine the winner. If teams have the same record against each other, run differential in those games played against each other shall determine placement.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The City of Blue Springs leagues are organized to provide a wholesome, active recreational sport for all concerned. Sponsors, managers, players, and spectators all play an important part in the results obtained. Smoking on the field, drinking on the field, rowdiness, profanity or other gestures of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. We request your cooperation and support.

Any player or manager guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or attack on an umpire can result in forfeit of games or suspension of players or teams. These rules and regulations are considered as accepted by any team entering leagues and upon payment of the fees.