

SPANISH FORK RECREATION DEPARTMENT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

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**No dogs, pets, bikes, scooters, rollerblades or hoverboards
are allowed in the parks!**

RULES OF PLAY

The league will be governed by the official rules as set forth in the **USA Softball** rule book with the exceptions noted herein.

1. **ROSTERS**-It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure all players are added to their team via RecOnline the day BEFORE your first game. Coaches will be required to submit the **official USA Softball roster by September 9th**. Each player must be registered with USA Softball to participate in this league or they will not be permitted to play. You may add a player to your roster throughout the season by registering that player to your official team (**using www.registerUSASoftball**) or by using the Utah USA Softball add-on procedure, but they must be registered with **USA Softball** in order to keep the league, umpires, and the players insured. If you add a player to your roster, be sure that they have filled out a waiver through the Spanish Fork City office and submit an updated copy of your roster to the league director or field supervisor. Additionally, players can only play on ONE team per division (10U, 12U, 14U are different divisions). In order to participate in tournament play, a player **MUST** play in 4 regular season games. Once tournament begins, roster changes will **NOT** be allowed except under extreme circumstances with approval from the league director. If your team is caught using illegal players, the game will be ruled a forfeit. Coaches, please keep in mind that the purpose of the add-on rule is to fill spots when your regular players are not available, not to use in place of your regular players. While it may be difficult to regulate, we will trust the coaches to use additional players as intended. This league is for the benefit of the participants. Camps, vacations, etc. usually affect most teams so coaches and players, do what you can to plan ahead. Rosters will freeze on **September 9, 2024**.

2. Sportsmanship is a must, and it needs to start with the coaches. Please review the Coaches/Spectators Code of Conduct, included with these rules. Coaches are also responsible for players and spectators, so please remind them to be good sports as well & follow park rules. **No Animals allowed in the park!**

3. We will play free defensive substitutions and all players will bat. Home team will be the official score book.

4. In **10U** & **12U** only, the batting team is limited to six (6) runs per inning. However, the play on which the 6th run is scored is live. More than six runs may be scored. Once the play is completed and the ball is secured, the teams will switch. This rule will apply to league games only, **not the post-season tournament**.

5. **Pitching distances-** 10u- 35 feet, 12u - 40 feet & 14u- 43 feet.
6. **Ball size-** 10u- 11inch, 12u & 14u- 12inch.
7. Bats, helmets and masks. All equipment must meet **USA Softball** Standards.
8. **UNIFORMS-** Players must wear a jersey with a number. No duplicate numbers.
9. **MERCY RULE-** A game will be called if one team is ahead 12 runs after three innings or 8 runs after four innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team scores the run ahead limit while at bat.
10. **All ages** will play dropped 3rd strike.
11. **GAME TIME LIMITS-** No new inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes. Games are scheduled for 1 hour and 30 minutes. (A new inning begins with the last out of the previous inning.) Forfeit time is scheduled game time. **League games can end in a tie.**
12. **TEAM STANDINGS-** Standings will be kept on Spanish Fork City's website. **Tournament** Champions & **Tournament** 2nd place will receive awards.
13. An official team is composed of 9 players. A team may play with as few as eight (8) players with no designated outs. A minimum of seven (7) players will be permitted but there will be one (1) designated out. As players arrive, they may be inserted into the end of the line-up.
14. **PROTESTS-** Due to the recreational aspects of the league, there are no protests! Any issues on rules will be taken care of on the spot. If a league question arises on the field and a decision needs to be made at that time, **BOTH** team coaches and the field supervisor must meet and come to a decision.
15. **TOURNAMENT PLAY-** each tournament game higher seed will be home team with the exception of the championship game. Home team in the championship game will be the undefeated team. Championship game will be timed at 1 hour 15 minutes. There will **NOT** be an "if" game. Championship game will determine the tournament champion.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of each coach/manager to have knowledge of the rules and to take responsibility for his or her team's adherence to all aforementioned policies (Coaches code of Conduct and Spectators Code of Conduct) as well as the team's conduct.

