



# 2019 Fall Softball Leagues

## General Rules:

1. We will be using NSA for our umpires this year and will be using NSA rules. All BATS must have the NSA 2012 stamp on it or it will not be allowed to be used. A pitch must have a legal arc minimum of 6' from the ground and shall not exceed 10' at its highest point while in the air. Pitching distance is 53' - pitcher must have foot on rubber at the time of the release of the pitch. If a pitcher fakes, or is not in contact with the rubber it will be a "Dead Ball" and the pitch will be determined a ball.
2. Three balls, two strikes. Home team is the first team listed and will be in the third base dugout. A 12" ball will be used for men, 11" for women. Co-ED Leagues-The 200 ft. line will be used. Outfielders must be behind the line until the ball is hit.
3. There will be a maximum of three (3) home runs per game! Any more than three (3) will be considered an out.
4. There is a must slide for all bases except first when there is a close play. (Umpire's discretion)
5. 55 minute time limit or 7 innings, whichever comes first. No new inning may be started after 55 minutes from game time. RUN RULE: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. There is no flip-flop rule. Extra Inning games will be governed by international tie breaker.
6. CO-ED 10 players play on defense. The pitcher/catcher combination must be 1 male/1 female. Infield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. Outfield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. When a male batter is walked intentionally or unintentionally, the male batter is awarded second base, and the following female batter must bat. EFFECT: The ball is dead and the male batter may go directly to the awarded 2nd Base without touching 1<sup>st</sup> base. EXCEPTION: WITH TWO OUTS the following female batter has the option to bat or walk.  
  
Mens/Womens Leagues: 10 players play on defense.
7. Teams must have at least 10 players for a full team. If a team has less than 7 players the game will be called a forfeit. In CO-ED there must be at least as many men as women playing at any time. Teams may play with more women than men, but not more men than women. Using players from the team you are currently playing will result in a forfeit. Forfeit Rule. Any team that forfeits 3 games during the season will not be allowed to participate in post season tournament.
8. Teams are encouraged to have matching shirts and must have a 6" number on the back. Everyone must be in a uniform with a number on it by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. NO DUPLICATE NUMBERS! NO TAPED ON NUMBERS! Shirts without numbers and shirts with duplicate numbers will cost teams a run on the first offense in the game and will not be allowed to bat on the second offense in a game. Shirts must be worn on outside of clothing.
9. No foul or abusive language will be tolerated. No fighting will be tolerated. Penalties for each of these violations are spelled out in the "Player Code of Conduct". Team captains are responsible to see that all team players know and adhere to the "Code of Conduct." Use of the "F" word will be an automatic ejection.
10. Changes (additions, replacements, etc) can be made to rosters through Friday, May 17. After this date, the roster will be frozen for the rest of the season. Changes must be made on the official roster at the Recreation Office, not at the Ball park. Only players listed on the roster will be allowed to play. All fees must be paid before a player can play. Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught; and will also be suspended for two league games. If caught during tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.
11. TOURNAMENT will be held at the conclusion of the season. Tournament games could be played on any night of the week. If you have a player that plays on multiple teams games could overlap.
12. Rainout information call 804-4622. Updated between 3:30 & 5:30. Also check out our website for updated rainout information at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org) Click on Parks & Recreation, then go to "news" & look for rainout info.
13. Courtesy runners- 2 courtesy runners per team per inning for the batter only. Courtesy runner does not have to be the last out in that inning or the previous inning. The courtesy runner must occupy the base, once time has been called, prior to the next pitch. If their turn to bat coincides with being on base, the at-bat will be an out. In COED you can have one per inning per gender.
14. Any person caught with Alcohol will be suspended for the rest of the fall season!
15. \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Pitchers MUST be wearing a mask in order to pitch! Masks can be checked out at the field if needed.
16. Only those people on your roster will be allowed in the dugout.