



### General Rules

- Parking is available on the street or on the upper parking level behind the softball field – NO parking in the 1125 loading dock lane
- Please recycle all plastic, paper, aluminum, and glass in the designated bin
- Keep all children a safe distance from the field and fence
- Helmets are available inside the pavilion
- Respect the park and keep the ground clean

### Game Rules

- All batters begin each at bat with a count of one ball and one strike
- Each team is required to have a minimum of (4) female players in the lineup and on the field at all times
- Teams without the required female players at the start of the game incur two penalties:
  - Offensive Penalty: Team with shortage will be penalized 2 runs per female player. Each homerun hit over the fence results in an out.
  - Defensive Penalty: Males may not be substituted in the field in a missing female's position. Example: If team has only 2 females, they must leave 2 positions open in the field.
- No females = forfeit. Teams are encouraged to play for fun if the game is forfeited
- Substitutions: Teams must have at least (8) original roster players to prevent forfeit. (2) additional players can be "picked up" to reach (10) – however teams must ensure (4) women playing at all times.

- The starting lineup (first 10 players up to bat) must alternate males and females until all females have batted. These 10 players must play in the field to start off the game. Batting order after the first 10 decided by coach. Maximum number of players in the batting order at any given time during the game = 15. The order of the batters must stay the same throughout the whole game.
- Maximum number of homeruns per team = 5. Each home run hit over 5 = out. “Inside the park” home runs are not included in this limit.
- Ball clearing the fence in fair territory (on the fly or off a glove) = home run
- Walks – If a male is walked, he proceeds directly to second base and the female behind him proceeds directly to first base or has the option to bat. *For this rule to be in effect, the batting team must have the female batter in “on deck” status and must be visible to the opposing team.*
- There is a painted line in the outfield which all outfielders are required to stay behind when a female is batting. Failure to stay behind this line until the ball is hit will result in the female being granted first base automatically.
- Teams must have a score keeper for all games.
- Notify the management office by 12:00pm on the day of the game if you require assistance fielding the proper amount of players
- Remember that this is for fun!!! Enjoy yourself and please play with caution!

If there are any rule challenges or disputed calls, the umpire will always make the final call.

**Police/Fire/Medical – Dial 9-1-1**  
**Management Office – 770-569-1124**