



General Rules

- Parking is available on the right hand side of the street or on the upper parking level behind the softball field
- NO parking in the 1125 loading dock lane or on the left hand side of the streets
- Beverages on the field are not permitted
- Please recycle all plastic, paper, aluminum, and glass in the designated bin
- Keep all children a safe distance from the field
- No carbon grills
- Softball Pavilion closes at 9:00pm

Game Rules

- All batters begin each at bat with a count of **one ball and one strike**
- Each team must have at least (4) female players in the lineup and on field the at all times
- Infielders must play on the dirt, out fielders must play on the grass
- You must physically tag a player with the ball in order for it to be an official tag
- No bunting or half swings. If called it will be a dead ball.
- Bats that are not ASA certified will not be permitted
- No metal cleats

- If your team is short on female players at the **start** of the game, you will incur two penalties:
 - **Offensive Penalty:** the other team will get a 2 run advantage per female player that you are short. Each homerun hit over the fence will result in an out.
 - **Defensive Penalty:** you cannot place a male in the field in a missing female's position. Example: If you only have 2 females, then you must leave 2 positions open in the field (instead of placing a male there to play in her absence).
- **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. After the eight you can pick up players to reach **ten**, but you must recruit enough women to ensure your team has 4 women playing. You cannot recruit men, unless this "4 women" requirement is met.
 - Example: You have eight roster players, five men and 3 women. If you want to Play with only eight, you can (you would be down 2 points), but if you want to recruit then you would have to first pick up a female player. If you want to pick up a 10th person, it can be male or female.
- 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 can be decided by coach. The maximum number of players in the batting order at any given time during the game is 15. The order of the batters must stay the same throughout the whole game.
- A team must have 5 players on the field that either work the company team or have played in the league in previous years.
- Maximum number of homeruns per team is 5. Every homerun hit over 5 will be an out. "Inside the park" homeruns are not included in this limit.
- If a ball goes into the shrubbery on the fly, it is a homerun.
- In the event that a male is walked, purposefully or otherwise, the male proceeds directly to second base and the female behind him proceeds directly to first base or has the option to bat.
- There is a "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 given first base automatically.

- A player must play in at least (4) games in the regular season to be eligible for the playoff games.
- Brandon Allen or Madeline must be notified by 12:00pm on the day of your game if your team is not going to be playing; brandon@newtownrecreation.com or madeline.mcmanus@am.jll.com; so be sure to start recruiting your players a few days ahead of time (this will also give you enough time to arrange for substitutes if need be).
- Remember that this is for fun!!! Enjoy yourself and please play with caution!

If there are any discrepancies to any plays, the umpire will *always* make the final call.

In case of emergency Police/Fire/Medical – Dial 9-1-1