

SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL

Games will be governed by official ASA rules unless otherwise stated.

Pitching – 6ft to 12ft

All players/coaches must have proper photo ID with them while at the park.

All batters will start with a 1-1 count ó After the batter has 2 strikes, then he/she will be allowed a foul ball without being called out, on the second foul ball with two strikes the batter is out.

Teams may bat 12 players in the lineup (any 10 can play defense).

Pitchers Box ó The pitchers box is the width of the pitching rubber and 6ft back toward second base. The pitcher must take a position with both feet firmly on the ground and with one or both feet on or inside the line for the pitcher's box.

Must be 16yr old to play. Any 16 or 17 years olds must have parent approval.

No stealing allowed in any leagues.

Uniforms must have matching shirts (same body color shirt) with numbers ó There will be a one-week grace period on uniform requirements. Players on the same team may not have the same number. Different digits (01 and 1 are both legal numbers)

Rosters are due before you play your second night of games in the parks office ó If a roster is not received in the office, all games will be forfeited until a roster is received.

Flip for home team ó winner gets the choice of being home team first or second game. Home team will keep official book.

Score sheets are to be emailed to kbruce@hvilletn.org by 9am the morning after that games. Winning team is responsible for turning in the scoresheets. Scoresheets are due by noon the next day. If no scoresheet is turned in, it will count as a loss for both teams.

20 run lead at end of 3 innings, 15 run lead at end of 4 innings or a 10 run lead after 5 innings will complete a game. A game shall also be called at the end of 1 hour or at the end of the inning following the time limit. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit or at the end of 7 innings the International tiebreaker (start each half inning with the last batter from the previous inning on 2nd base and no outs) rule will be in effect.

A courtesy runner will not be permitted under any circumstances.
(Senior Men ó see rules for courtesy runner in senior league)

No more than 2 coaches per team shall be on the field and only 1 manager and a designated team captain may confer with the umpire. Any other player involvement will result in that person's dismissal from the game in progress. Players must remain in the dugout when not actively playing or coaching.

A ball bouncing over, through or under a fence on any field will be considered a ground rule double.

NEW FOR SPRING 2017: For the 6:30pm game ONLY ó there will be a 15 minute grace period to start the game ó the time will be taken off the game time but will not considered a forfeit until 6:45pm.

All games 7:30pm or later - no grace period. A team may start and finish a game with 9 players. If and when the 10th player arrives at the game, he/she must be put in as 10th batter in the line-up. Until the player arrives the number 10 spot in the batting order will be declared an out. NOTE: On double-header games, if the first game is forfeited the second game will be played or forfeited 30 minutes after the first. Example: If the 6:30 game is a forfeit, then at 7:00 the second game will be played or forfeited.

Teams must report to the field for scheduled games with the exception of the "Call in Forfeit Rule". If a team calls into the office and forfeits in advance, a representative of the parks department will contact a coach for the opposing team to inform them that they do not need to show up at the field. If a team forfeits in advance and the games are rained out then they will not count as losses and be rescheduled with the rest of the rained out games that evening.

Teams that begin with 12 players may go down to 9 players.

Steel spikes will not be allowed in league play. Penalty ejected from game in progress.

A coach or player must sign up for practice permits for their team. During the peak season for practices a team will be allowed only one paid under the lights practice per week and one weekend practice during the day (either Saturday or Sunday). If a coach coaches two or more teams he/she may get permits for each team according to the above rule.

Each team will hit their own YELLOW softballs. The men will use the MSP-44 ball (.44 core/375 Compression) or (.52core/300 compression). Women will use the GWSP-44 ball (.44core/375 Compression). All softballs must have the ASA stamp. A new or playable ball will be acceptable (umpire approved). If an illegal ball is used the batter will be declared out. If it is discovered a second time the coach will be ejected.

Bats ó See banned bat list. If an illegal/altered/non-approved bat is in the batters box and/or used the batter will be declared out and ejected from the game in progress plus one game.

If games are delayed for rain they will restart at point of rain delay and/or 4 inning or 45 minutes will be a completed game. If the fifth inning has started and rain occurs before the fifth inning is complete and the game has gone 45 minutes, the score will revert back to the fourth inning.

Final standing from the regular season will indicate seeding and HOME team for the tournament. Higher seed will be the home team in the winnersø bracket. If both teams are the same seed, (Menø church Monday and Friday) then a coin flip will decide the home team.

In all losers bracket games there will be a coin flip for home team. If the tournament goes the øextra gameø then there will be a coin flip to determine the home team.

Home Run Rule - Menø Open 6 Home Runs per game
Sr. Men All divisions 3 Home Runs per game
Menø Church All divisions 3 Home Runs per game
Womenø Church and Open Unlimited

All leagues will play øone-up rulingø on home runs ó If both teams have reached the limit of home runs, either team is allowed to hit an additional home run, to go one home run ahead of the opposing team (in inning one through sixth) - canø go up in the bottom of the 7th inning/and any extra innings). **Note: In any inning 1st through 6th as soon as time has expired then the home team can't go up if both teams have reached the limit of home runs.**

Double first bases will be used this season.

-A batted ball hitting or bounding over the inside portion is declared fair and a batted ball hitting or bounding over the outside portion is declared foul.

-Base runners may be standing on the orange/outside base when the ball is pitched.

-Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the inside portion and the batter-runner must use the outside portion. The batter-runner is out when there is a play being made at first base and the batter-runner touches only the inside portion.

-On any force out attempt from the foul side of first base, or an errant throw pulling the defense off the base into foul ground, the defense and the batter-runner can use either the inside or the outside portion.

-On extra base hits and balls hit to the outfield when there is no play being made at the double base, the batter-runner may touch the inside or outside portion.

-When tagging up on a fly ball, the inside portion must be used.

-If, when using the double base, and there is a force play by an infielder on the batter-runner, who touches only the inside portion and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the inside portion. Interference is ruled, the ball is dead, the batter-runner is out, and all other runners are returned to the bases last occupied at the time of interference.

Starting with the Spring 2002 season, the Parks Department reserves the right to adjust team divisions in any leagues. Depending on the quality of teams in each league, teams may be placed in a division according to ability and prior playing history.

Tie Breakers:

Two-teams:

First ó Head to Head

Second ó Which team beat the highest seed in the league

Third ó Coin toss

Three or more teams: (Once it gets to two teams then goes to two team tie breaker)

First ó Head to head among the teams tied.

Second ó Which team beat the highest seed in the league

Third ó Coin toss

(Note: To deter running up the score, run differential will NOT be considered.)

Any and all rules not covered in the athletic manual will be decided upon by the Parks Department.