



2022 Spring Softball Rules

1. **Games:** Thursdays and/or Wednesdays– 7:00, 8:00pm & 9:00pm *if needed.*
2. **Players:** All players must be 18 years old
3. **League Fees:** \$425.00 **Late Fee:** \$25.00
Fees are due by the registration deadline February 11th, 2022. **LEAGUE FEES ARE DUE by the registration deadline, February 11th, 2022. ONLY payments received reserves the team registration in to the league.**
Fees include: officials/booking fees, balls, scorekeeper, trophies, lime, maintenance, facility/lights, and league administrator.
4. **Roster/Waiver forms:** Rosters are limited to a maximum of twenty (20) players. Forms are due at the captain's meeting.
5. **Adding new players:** See Adult Policy and Procedures. The rosters are frozen halfway through the season and will be noted on the schedule.
6. **Uniforms:** All players are required to have matching uniforms. All jerseys must display a number at least 6" in height. We will discuss the jersey color during the captain's meeting. ***Teams have a three game grace period to obtain jerseys. After this three game grace period a rostered player will not be eligible to play unless they have a team jersey with a number.***
7. **Inclement Weather:** Captain's should view www.facebook.com/IOPRec for cancellations or call the Recreation Department at **886-8294** for field conditions. **Decisions on field conditions are made by 3:30pm the day of the game. If conditions worsen, the recreation staff and/or the umpire will make the final decision.**
8. **Forfeits:** If there are two games, the first game will just have a 10 minute grace period, second game there is no grace period; If 3 games are scheduled, first game has a 10 minute grace period, ***second and third game no grace period.***
9. **Players:** A minimum of eight (8) players is required to begin the game.
See Adult Policies and Procedures: Player Eligibility
10. **Protest:** See Adult Policy and Procedures
11. **General Conduct:** See Adult Policy and Procedures.
12. **Ejections:** Any player ejected from a ball game, for any reason, must pay a **\$25.00 Sportsmanship fee** to the Recreation Department, in addition to sitting out the next game, before he/she is allowed to return.
13. **League Information:**
 - a. Game balls are provided by the recreation department
 - b. Coaches must submit starting line up ten (10) minutes prior to game.
 - c. Coach must notify official scorekeeper of any line up changes before the player(s) participate.
 - d. Home team occupies the first base dugout.
 - e. Third strike foul is an out. **All batters will start with a 1 and 1 count.** There is no extra foul given with the 1 and 1 count.
 - f. Ten (10) run rule is in effect after the 5th inning.
 - g. Fifteen (15) run rule is in effect after the 4th inning.
 - h. Twenty (20) run rule is in effect after the 3rd inning.

- i. Games are limited to one (1) hour and (15) minutes, except tournament championship game.
 - j. **There is a four (4) home run limit per team (each additional Homerun is an OUT)**
 - k. Designated area between light post and fences is dead ball boundary.
 - l. Team may add the 9th player at anytime during play of game; the player arriving late occupies the 9th position in the batting order.
 - m. Teams may add the 10th player providing 1) the team, wishing to add, has not batted through their line up; and 2) the player arriving late occupies the 10th position in the batting order.
 - n. Teams playing with 8 players will receive an out for the 9th vacant position, until the position is filled. Teams playing with 9 players will not be penalized for the 10th position.
 - o. Teams with a vacant spot in the line up; the opposing team may not with two outs intentionally or unintentionally walk the previous batter to get the automatic out.
 - p. If a player is **ejected** from a game by the officials or recreation department, and a substitute is not available, the game ends immediately in a forfeit.
 - q. If a player has to leave the game for any illness or injury, and the team still has at least (8) eight players, the game continues. If a substitute is not available, the injured players batting position is an out.
 - r. **Each team is allowed (1) Courtesy Runner Per Inning**
 - s. A regulation game consists of 7 innings, Games tied at the end of seven innings, shall continue by playing the eighth (8) inning. Games tied after eight innings are recorded as a tie (regular season only). A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played. If the game is rained out before this time, play will resume at the point of termination.
 - t. Players, coaches, spectators, etc. are not allowed on private property to retrieve balls.
 - u. Metal cleats are not allowed.
 - v. Managers/Captain's need to meet with scorekeeper before game to discuss players at bat, having all players that show in the batting order or regulation number
 - w. Only bats with the ASA stamp are permitted in league play (*no senior league bats, etc.*)
14. Umpires do not officiate forfeited games.
15. A **Double Elimination Post-Season Tournament** follows the regular season. See Adult Policies and Procedures: Post Season Tournament
16. If a player is found to be ineligible during the tournament, that team is disqualified from further play in the tournament.
17. **Awards:** Shirts for 1st place regular season. Team trophy and shirts for 1st place team in the post-season tournament.
18. In order for a player to be eligible for **Post Season** play, they must:
- a. Have their signature on the roster before the designated last day to add players to the roster.
 - b. Play in one **COMPLETE** inning - (3) three consecutive defensive outs and (1) one turn at bat - in a **MINIMUM** of (3) three regular season games. (*may be reconsidered under unusual circumstances*)
19. On a play in the infield, the runner **MUST** use the Orange "Safety" Base located in foul territory. If there is a play at first base, and the runner fails to use the Safety Base, that runner is out.
20. In the event that there is a close play at home plate, our league rules will comply with ASA Rule 8, Section 7, Article Q. This judgment call will be left up to the umpire's discretion. ASA Rules will be used with the exception of the stated rules above.

The Isle of Palms Recreation Director reserves the right to change, add or delete any portion of these regulations during the season if deemed necessary for the safety or protection of participants.