



**JACKSON RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

# **2012 SUMMER CO-ED SOFTBALL**

**PLAYERS:**

- A. Must be 18 years old or a high school graduate.
- B. Must live in the County or work full-time in the City of Jackson.
- C. Must properly and completely fill out roster information.
- D. Must conduct themselves properly with an emphasis on good sportsmanship.

**TEAMS:**

- A. Must carry a minimum of 12 players. No maximum number of players.
- B. Players may be added any time, but cannot be released to play with another team. (Once the roster is turned in, that player is with that team the entire season.)
- C. Players must be signed up by 5:00 p.m on Friday for the player to become eligible on the following Sunday.
- D. Players signing more than one roster in the same sport may be ineligible for the remaining season.

**GAME:**

The game is to be 7 innings and play under the rules as published by the Joint Rules Committee on Softball with the following exceptions:

- A. The game will be terminated and official if. . .
  - 1. The home team has a 12 run lead any time after 4½ innings.
  - 2. If either team has a 12 run lead after the completion of any succeeding innings.
- B. Maximum 5 run per-inning rule. Once a team has scored 5 runs in an inning it shall take the field on defense.
- C. Last inning of game teams may score as many runs as possible.
- D. Free substitution and everyone may bat that is at the game.

## **FORFEIT OF GAME:**

- A. Teams forfeit with less than 9 (legal) players 5 minutes after first game time. Game time is forfeit time on succeeding games. Teams may start with 9 (5 men/4 women, or 4 men/5 women).
- B. If a team forfeits 2 games, they may be expelled from the league.
- C. Umpires may forfeit a game, if after due warning any rules are willfully broken or the game is made a travesty of.

## **CONDUCT:**

- A. Any team member having been expelled from 1 game shall be ineligible to play or participate in his team's next Jackson Recreation game.
- B. Any team member having used physical violence toward another player, manager, or spectator may be automatically suspended for the season.
- C. Any team who intimidates or uses physical violence toward an umpire, scorekeeper, or league official before, during, or after a game may be suspended indefinitely from the league and any sports sponsored by the Recreation Department.
- D. The Recreation Department, for due cause, can suspend team members and managers.
- E. Team members may appeal suspension under provision C and D above. They must appeal within 1 week of the suspension by presenting this request in writing to the Recreation Department.
- F. Please stress good sportsmanship at all times and gentlemen should avoid collisions.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

- A. No metal spikes allowed. Tennis shoes or multi-purpose rubber soled shoes are recommended.

## **BATS:**

- A. Any bat deemed illegal by ASA is not allowed in the City of Jackson Softball Leagues. Only bats on the ASA certified list will be legal in our local league. If a bat is not on either list, that bat has yet to be tested and is not yet legal for play. Any player that uses an illegal bat will be declared out and disqualified from that game per ASA Rules.
- B. Use of an illegal bat manager and player will be automatically ejected from game and no substitute will be allowed.
- C. Use of illegal ball, manager will be subject to ejection and one game suspension.

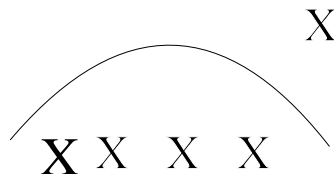
- D. Any bat which has been altered the team manager and offending player will receive a 6 game suspension. And must apply in writing for a hearing and reinstatement.

**SOFTBALLS:**

- A. We will be following the ASA Rules of males hitting the 12 inch softballs and females the 11 inch balls. ASA 44 core 375 compression balls only.
- B. All teams must provide and hit their own ball. A new ball may be put in play only when the existing ball is out of play and at the beginning of a new inning.

**RULES:**

- A. **Strike Zone:** We will be using the mat behind home plate this Fall. Any pitch that hits the mat with the proper arch will be called a strike. A pitch that hits home plate will be called a ball.
- B. There will be a chalked line in the outfield at 160 feet, all 4 outfielders must stay behind that line until the ball has been hit, whenever a female is batting.



The intent of this rule is to keep the outfielders from playing too close to the infield, and to give everyone a better opportunity while batting.

1. If you walk a male batter, the next female batter must bat if less than 2 outs. If there are 2 outs the female has the choice to bat or not.
2. Whenever a male walks, he is not awarded second base unless there are 2 outs and the next female batter chooses to walk also, no free bases.
3. Once the players take their positions at the start of an inning, they must stay at that position for the remainder of that inning. **NO SWITCHING OF POSITIONS ALLOWED.** Exception: The pitcher may be removed from his/her position and cannot re-enter as a pitcher during that inning. The pitcher may re-enter as a pitcher later.
4. Ten players on the field at one time. Play wherever they wish. Free substitution in the field and managers do not have to report changes to scorekeepers.
5. Whenever a walk occurs you must touch all bases. (No cutting across field, skipped bases)

6. Every player at the game may bat, even if you have an uneven number of men and women.
  - A. Extra female batters may bat back to back after your 10th batter.
  - B. Extra male batters may share a spot in the batting order with another male batter and alternate batting in that spot in the order.

You do not have to bat everyone that is at the game. You may use the starting 10 and substitute just like regular softball.
7. Batting rotation must be man, woman, man, woman. Teams may play with 6 women and 4 men, but are not permitted to play 6 men and 4 women.
8. Teams may play 5 men and 4 women on defense. However, the extra male player must share a spot in the batting order with another male so that males are not batting back to back.

**A REMINDER...**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED IN ALL CITY PARKS. ANY TEAM MEMBER DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING A GAME MAY BE SUSPENDED FOR THE SEASON. EXCESSIVE PROFANITY BY THE TEAMS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**