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## Town of Apple Valley Community Services Department Coed Slow-Pitch Softball Rules

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1. Rules and conditions are outlined for regular softball in the current SCMAF Softball Rule Book except as specified herein

### Game

- A. All games will be seven (7) innings, exception; no new inning will be started after 70 minutes. In case of a tie, one extra inning will be played. If the game is still tied after the extra inning, the game will be called. The game will be completed at a later date if it has significance on determining the league championship.
- B. Any new inning started will be completed.
- C. A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed for the first scheduled game only. Otherwise, the officially designated starting time is when forfeits will be recorded. If a team has not fielded at least eight (8) rostered players by the scheduled game time, the game will be forfeited (this means that eight (8) players must be ready to take the field or bat).

### Standings & Awards

- A. The champions will be determined by a single elimination tournament.
- B. Two divisions for playoffs. Upper and lower. Top 6 teams in the upper and bottom 5 teams in the lower division single elimination tournament.
- C. Every team will play in the playoffs.
- D. Playoff seeding is determined by regular season record.
- E. In playoffs, home team is determined by coin flip by umpire before each game.
- F. If two teams are tied, head to head record then coin flip will determine tiebreaker. If 3 or more teams tied then the least amount of runs scored in the games involving tied teams will get the higher seeded position.
- G. \$120 gift certificate good for the purchase of shirts at Valley Screen Graphics will be provided to upper division champion and \$75 to the lower division champion. Award can be used toward registration fee for 2016 spring or summer softball season, if manager chooses.

### Rosters

- A. Rosters will be sixteen (16) players (unless special permission is granted by the Recreation Department).
- B. Teams may add or drop players at any time during the first half of the season. **THE LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS IS October 30.** After October 30 all rosters are final. Any addition or deletion to a roster must be done on a "Player Addition/Deletion form" and delivered to the Recreation Department or given to the umpire. Forms are available at the Town Hall Recreation Center. Any game played by an illegal player (one who has not turned in a "Players Addition/Deletion" form) will be forfeited.

- C. **For Regular Season Only:** A player may not play for more than one team on the same night unless agreed upon by both managers through a pre-conference meeting with umpire and only if that particular team is short on players. Managers cannot arbitrarily decide on any aspects of the game except for borrowing of players during regular season. Any team adding player(s) must only carry a total of 10 players for that night.

### Postponements

- A. The Recreation Department will determine if any games need to be postponed due to inclement weather or any other circumstances. All team managers will be notified if games are to be postponed. Games will only be rescheduled if needed to determine 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Games will not be postponed due to temperature or wind.
- B. If a team cannot make a game for any reason, they will forfeit that game. If a team cannot make a scheduled game, they must call the Recreation Department a minimum of 24 hours in advance. An excused forfeited game will not be made up and it will count as a loss.

### Scorekeeping

- A. The home team is responsible for keeping score in an official scorebook. After each half inning, the coach of the team who just batted is responsible for reporting the number of runs scored to the umpire. **If no official book is kept by the home team, the umpire's scorecard will be official.** Games are not to be delayed by discrepancies in score, nor is it grounds for protest; the umpire's score is final and (s)he will confirm the score after every inning.

### Pitching Rules

- A. 16 foot limited arc rule will be in effect for all batters. Legal deliveries are solely the judgment of the umpire.

### Batting Order

- A. Must list men and women separately and followed alternately such that two batters of the same sex may never bat consecutively.

### Miscellaneous

- A. A defensive team will consist of ten (10) players, with a maximum of 5 men and 5 women in the game defensively at all times. However, a game may be played without forfeit with eight (8) roster players with no more than four (4) of either gender. When nine players are playing no more than five of either gender may be on the field. Example: (4 women-5 men; or 5 women- 4 men).
- B. Unlimited courtesy runners of the same gender are OK. Player may be courtesy runner only once per inning.
- C. The rover can be either male or female.
- D. If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, 15 or more runs after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or 20 runs after the 4<sup>th</sup> the game will be called.
- E. All batters will begin with a one-ball and one-strike count.

- F. When AFTER having two strikes, if the batter hits a second foul ball, the batter shall be declared out.
- G. Players must be at least 18 years of age by the date of the first league game in which they appear.
- H. All players play at their own risk.
- I. All items on the Adult Sports Players/Spectators Code of Conduct including minimum and maximum penalties will be strictly enforced. Any player/spectator who engages in a physical altercation will be removed from the league indefinitely.
- J. For the safety and enjoyment of everyone, all youth who attend the adult softball games must remain off the playing fields.
- K. A scoring line will be used. To score, the runner's foot must be on the ground, on or beyond the scoring line before the defensive player touches home plate with the ball in possession. This is a force out at home. Runner will be called out if he/she touches home plate.
- L. If a pitcher walks a male batter on three (3) straight balls the batter will automatically be awarded second base.
- M. In case the assigned umpire fails to appear for a regular league game, the managers shall agree on a volunteer umpire for umpiring until the assigned umpire arrives, or until the game is completed. This game will become an official game once both managers agree to have volunteer official the game. Game must start as scheduled.– SCMAF Rulebook, page 53, Appendix B-Sec. 1-I
- N. In using the double first base bag, the batter-runner must touch the orange side and the defense uses the white portion when a play is being made. If no play is made at first, the batter-runner may use either side.
- O. Males must use wooden softball bats- 2 ¼ in diameter. The wooden bat must be in one complete piece. It is recommended that each team have more than one wooden bat.**
- P. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL is allowed on any Town park or field. Teams in violation, may be subject to forfeiture of a game.
- Q. No amplified music is allowed during any softball game.