



## 2012 SPRING/SUMMER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULE MODIFICATIONS

Spokane County Parks and Recreation

Please check day, time, and field where your team plays. In consideration of other teams, if your team cannot play for any reason call 531-2697 immediately! Spokane County follows ASA Recreational Slow Pitch Softball Program and all ASA Rules with the following modifications:

### 1 AND 1 COUNT

Batters in all leagues and divisions will **begin each at bat with a 1 ball, 1 strike count with a courtesy foul included**. This rule applies to ALL league and tournament games.

### ROSTERS AND LINEUPS

All players must be listed on the team's roster and filed at the County Parks' office. Players must be prepared to show driver's license or legal picture identification during all games including tournaments.

Teams may bat roster and drop down to 10 without penalty. Players do not have to be injured to drop the lineup to 10 players; however dropped players **MUST** be adjacent in batting order. Coed teams may **NOT** list consecutive men in the batting order. Ejected player position in batting order receives automatic out.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Any player participating in a Spokane County Park's League or Tournament game **WITHOUT** properly completing the roster form (signatures) and having it submitted to the Spokane County Parks voluntarily assumes the risk of any and all injuries sustained and/or proximately caused by his willful and unauthorized participation in the recreation program and Spokane County owes no duty to that player.

If a captain feels an illegal player is playing on opposing team, notify the Recreation Staff. Teams playing with illegal players may forfeit any wins and be suspended from the next league or tournament game.

### CAPTAIN DESIGNATION

One player must be designated as captain on the team's roster. The captain handles all communication with the Parks' office and the umpire and is responsible for their player's actions.

### START TIME

Games may start prior to scheduled time as long as teams and umpires agree. Games must start at designated start time as long as each team has eight or more players. If the ninth or tenth player arrives after the start of the game, he must be inserted into the lineup immediately in the ninth or tenth position in the batting order. Forfeit time shall be 15 minutes after scheduled start time any time thereafter is considered a forfeit.

### GAME LENGTH

Games shall have a **one hour time limit** from the actual starting time **except for Championship or "IF" games that have NO time limit**. However no game may end in a tie. If games are called due to darkness or bad weather, four innings constitutes a complete legal game.

### HOME RUN RULE

**All levels:** On fenced fields or obstacles resulting in a ground-rule home run, 3 over-the-fence/obstacles per team per game (no limit per person). Including the last inning. After both teams reach 3, use progressive rule. Players do not need to run out a home run.

Progressive rule: Either team may hit additional home run(s), but neither team may go more than one home run up on the other team. Any home run above one-up is a dead-ball out.

**\*PLAYERS DO NOT "RUN-OUT" HOME RUNS to help stay within the time limit.**

### TEN RUN LEAD

If a team is leading by ten (10) runs or more at the end of the fifth inning, or home team is leading by ten (10) runs after 4 1/2 innings or any inning completed thereafter, the game will be officially called by the umpire and awarded to the leading team. Umpire shall also apply a fifteen (15) run rule after four innings. This applies to all games including the Championship game!

**NO 7-Run rule in any league or division during tournament play!**

**PITCH HEIGHT** All games must use the optic yellow slow pitch ball provided. Arch of pitch has to be between 6 and 12 feet.

#### COURTESY RUNNER

A courtesy runner may be used at any time but it must be the **last batter of the same gender not currently on base**. If that player is injured, no courtesy runner will be allowed.

#### PROTEST PROCEDURE

Team Captain must request to review a rule interpretation. Request must be made during dead ball following the play in question. Players may not question umpire judgment calls.

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#### SANCTIONS

The Recreation Manager may impose penalties as deemed appropriate including forfeiture of games and suspension from one game to life for misconduct of players, coaches, sponsors or team representative's before/during/after a game, on/off the playing area.

#### DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO USE

**No tobacco, drugs or alcohol are permitted on school property!** Violation may result in automatic suspension and forfeiture of games. A player shall be ejected if an official has reason to believe that a player is under the influence of alcohol/drugs and may jeopardize the safety of others.

#### FIELD USE AGREEMENT

Spokane County Parks' use of school fields is approved annually upon adherence to specific policies. Teams must follow these policies to ensure continued use. Children must be supervised by non-playing adults at all times. "Pack it in-pack it out"- remove trash from the grounds when leaving. Park in designated parking areas only, follow posted signs.

#### STAND IN UMPIRE

If an umpire does not show, please call Le Harnasch 291-3246, Assigner for Spokane Softball Umpires Association. If no umpire is provided, play with an available person jointly agreed upon by both teams. Volunteer umpire payment form is due within 10 days to the Parks' office.

#### FOUL WEATHER

If games are rained out call the parks office to get the number of the opposing teams coach to find a reschedule date that works for both teams. We are unable to give refunds if teams cannot decide on a reschedule date.

CALL IN SCORES Winning teams call in scores at the end of the day to voice mail box at 477-2727.

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