

**FOX VALLY PARK DISTRICT
CO-REC SOFTBALL**

I. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- A. Amateur Softball Rules (ASA) will govern except as noted or modified below.
- B. The FVPD Athletic Coordinator will make the league schedule, determine standings, and rule on all matters affecting the league but not covered in these rules.

II. PLAYER INFORMATION AND ROSTERS

- A. Players must be high school graduates or 18 years of age.
- B. Roster size is unlimited. Additions end after game four.
- C. Rosters are due by the first game, complete with address, phone and signature.
- D. Players may play for only one league team.

III. GROUND RULES

- A. No infield or batting practice on field prior to start of any scheduled game.
- B. Only the game ball is allowed on the field after the first inning.
- C. Game time is forfeit time. If a team plays with eight players (four male-four female) and the opponent supplies the catcher, the ninth spot in the order will be an **out**. If nine are used (5 female – 4 male) no penalty. If nine are used (5 male- 4 female) no penalty, however the 5th male may catch only, he may be added to the batting order when a 5th female arrives.
- D. Both teams should keep score and report runs to the umpire after each at bat.
- E. The batting order must alternate beginning with a female.
- F. The use of 1 or 2 extra players is optional. The use of extra players must be made known when lineups are exchanged. If one EP is used it must be female, if two are used one must be female and one male. (Maintain alternate lineup.)
- G. All batters start with a count of 1 ball and 1 strike. A foul 3rd strike is an out.
- H. Two softballs will be used each game. Female players will use an 11” softball and male players will use a 12” softball. The umpire will make the change each at bat.
- I. A male batter walked with **two outs** will advance to second base, the following female batter may choose to bat or take first base.
- J. Two courtesy runners are allowed each game. The runner must be the person of the same sex that made the last out for the team at bat.
- K. No metal spikes.
- L. Pitching regulations: no fakes; 12 foot maximum arch to female batters.
- M. Bats must be ASA approved.
- N. Each team is limited to three over-the-fence home runs per game. Subsequent over-the fence home runs will be ruled an out.

- O. A game ending **slaughter rule** will go into effect in the following instances: 15 run after four innings, 10 runs after five or six innings.
- P. Protests will be allowed on rule interpretation only, the decision of the umpire on a judgment call is final. A \$50 fee must accompany all protests (refundable if protest is upheld).

IV. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. Any player or coach ejected from the game by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct shall automatically be suspended for the next five (5) games. In the event a player or coach deviates from this ruling, it will constitute a forfeit and the team not at fault will receive credit for a win.
 - i. Suspensions go by games played, not game schedule to play (in the case of buys/rainouts).
- B. The use of anything intoxicating on Park District property is prohibited.
- C. Fighting and/or use of foul language may result in ejection and suspension.

V. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

- A. The Fox Valley Park District assumes no responsibility for injury to players before, during or after the game. The Park District recommends that all teams and/or players carry their own insurance. Pregnant or injured players are advised not to participate without a physician's approval.**
- B. Teams from within the Fox Valley Park District will be given entry priority provided they meet all entry deadlines and requirements.
- C. Non-resident fees will be assessed out-of-district players. (\$10.00).