

The following game rules are in addition to (or replacement of) the 2022 Adult Slowpitch Softball Program Rules and Regulations:

1. The defensive line-ups shall consist of 11 players. (*replaces Playing Rule #7*)
2. A team must start and finish with minimum of 9 players. Pick-up players permitted from other Over 50 teams only, must be listed on the roster and may only occur if starting the game with less than 11 players. A player may fill in as a pick-up player a maximum of 3 times per season. (*Replaces Playing Rule #7*). Each team will also be provided 2 Sub Cards total to assist in cases of unexpected substitution needs, but cannot be used following the roster addition deadline. (*See Substitution rule #2*)
3. Five (5) run limit per inning; however, unlimited in the last inning.
4. Mercy rule applies if there is a 15-run differential after five (5) innings of play (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
5. Pitched ball must display a perceptible arc with a minimum of six (6) feet and a maximum of ten (10) feet from the ground. Pitcher has the option to pitch up to 6 feet behind the pitching rubber.
6. Pitcher must show the ball and pause one second before delivery.
7. An appeal play can be made as soon as play has stopped. An appeal must be made before the next pitch.
8. Pitcher must verbally indicate to the umpire any and all intentional walks.
9. It is not required to run all the bases when a Home Run is hit, but players must hit first base.
10. The over-the-fence home run rule will be a limit of 3 and 1 up.
11. *In order to keep play competitive, the Parks Department will be invoking an equalizer, TBD at the organizational meeting. It will be at the discretion of the Recreation Program Manager on which equalizer is used this year.*

SCORING LINE:

1. A mat/carpet is considered an extension of home plate ONLY for the use of Balls/Strikes. If a player touches the mat, he will be called out!
2. The commitment line will be marked at 20 ft.
3. A foot touching or beyond the SCORING LINE shall be the same as a foot touching home plate for the purpose of scoring a run. Running beyond the end of the SCORING LINE shall be the same as missing home plate.
4. The commitment line will be 20 feet from home plate and the SCORING LINE will be chalked at home plate to avoid collisions.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

1. Those players in attendance but not listed on the batting lineup are considered “substitutes.” Substitutes may enter the game at the discretion of the manager by replacing a player in the original batting lineup. The replaced player can re-enter once. The substitute must bat in the batting position of the replaced player. Sub cards must be filled out for the player to participate.

COURTESY RUNNER/BASE RUNNING:

For all Divisions:

1. The courtesy runner does not have to be the last out.
2. A courtesy runner may replace a runner/batter at any base for any reason prior to the next pitch. A runner replaced by a courtesy runner may remain in the game.
3. No run through at second and third.

Competitive/Doubleheader League:

4. All batters must reach first on their own.

Recreational/Single Game League:

5. A courtesy runner may run for the batter from the batter's box only if the batter is physically challenged (i.e., has an artificial limb or joint below the waist). This is not a rule for injured players to continue playing while injured, either inside or outside of the league.

EQUIPMENT:

1. A maximum of two layers of tape (not covering the knob)
2. A manufactured or professionally installed flare or cone grip would be legal.
3. A solid core 12" ball



4. Maximum core of .52
5. Maximum compression of 300
6. ← This is the official ball being used.
7. **ALL ASA/NSA Approved bats will be allowed EXCEPT:**
 - a. Miken- Ultra II
 - b. Miken- Ultra II Maxload
 - c. Miken- Ultra Special Addition
 - d. Miken- Ultra Velocit-e
 - e. Miken- Ultra II Advanced
 - f. Worth- Toxic XXX
 - g. Combat- Mike Macenko Signature series
 - h. ASA Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks

Each team will receive their game balls that are included in their team fee at the beginning of the season. (12 for doubleheader and 6 for single games) Any balls needed in addition will be the team's responsibility to acquire. A limited number of balls will be available to purchase at the Parks Office only.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Schedule – League play will begin Tuesday, May 3 and continue into late July. A minimum of four teams are required for league play. Teams for Over 50 League will be accepted on a first come basis as there may be a limit to the number of teams accepted. Please note, in the instance of an odd number of teams a team may be required to play a lower or higher division team to stay within the 12 weeks. The Courtesy Runner rules will automatically default to recreational rules.

Fees – The 2022 team fee is \$700 for a regular team and \$1,070 for a double header team. Fees include game balls, umpires, field preparation, trophies, ASA registration and administrative services.

League Rules – Please review included rules that pertain only to the Over 50 League.

Bats – Please review ASA Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks which can be found on the portage softball or MASA website.



**OVER 50 LEAGUE RULES –
SUPPLEMENT
OVER 50 LEAGUE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

End of the Season Tournament – The probable schedule for the tournament will take place on the last week of the regular season and trophies will be awarded to the tournament champion and also to the runner-up team. The tournament will be single elimination. The tournament date is subject to change.

Thank you for your continued support of the Portage Softball Program. Please submit your \$700 team fee and completed team rosters as soon as possible but no later than May 1, 2021.