



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

1. It is the responsibility of the team manager to inform team members of all rules established by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
2. Entry Fee: The team fee is \$300. Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexander City. League fees are due upon registration. All teams must register and pay appropriate fees as well as turn complete roster forms in before **June 25th 2020**. All teams must utilize standard roster forms. **No additions in any league after** the regular season starts without the approval of the Athletic Supervisor.
3. All new and returning teams must submit a roster with at least ten (10) players. Each player must read and sign the roster and indicate home address, telephone number, date of birth, and date of sign up. If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign the roster for you.
4. Falsified Information: All players must sign the team roster prior to league play. Any roster containing falsified information is illegal and may result in that team losing its position in the leagues. An illegal roster detected prior to the start of the season may immediately eliminate that team from the league, and its position may be awarded to the next eligible new team. Any roster or line-up discovered to be illegal after the season begins may result in that team forfeiting all games up to the disclosure and losing its position for the following season. It is the responsibility of each manager to verify the information on his roster and to collect all fees. *Rosters will be checked by the department.* ANY PLAYER OR MANAGER SIGNING OTHER THAN HIS/HER OWN SIGNATURE ON A ROSTER MAY BE SUSPENDED FOR ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR FROM THE LEAGUE.
5. All teams will be scheduled for 12 regular season games. League titles will be determined by the best overall record for season. All ties for division or league title will be settled by winning percentage, games back, head to head, common opponent, and average run differential.
6. The Athletic Supervisor or umpire-in-chief will be ultimately responsible for the enforcement of all city codes and Parks and Recreation Department rules, regulations and policies.
7. Parks and Recreation staff reserves the right to make decisions which will be in the best interest of the recreational softball program.
8. Each team must clean up their dug-out after each game! The first team of the night will pick up their water cooler at the concession stand and the last team will empty it and return it to the concession stand.

MAKE-UP DATES AND POSTPONEMENTS

1. The Parks and Recreation Department will make every effort to reschedule rain-out games. Make-up games may require multiple games on league nights, weekend games or games on nights other than a team's regular league night.
2. Contact the Parks and Recreation office at 256-329-6736 for rainout information or check the website. After 3:00 p.m., the Athletic Supervisor will make all cancellations at the field. Managers and players may call the Parks and Recreation Department at 256-329-6736 for rain-out information.
- *3. Forfeits – Teams failing to show up with at least 9 players will forfeit. Double forfeits count as a loss for both teams. There are no ties in slow-pitch softball.

Game time is when the umpire declares "play ball". A grace period of ten minutes will be given for the 1st game only. The 60 minute countdown clock will begin counting down at the scheduled game time. Any time elapsed due to late arrival will not be given back. Games forfeited will not be rescheduled.

A team shall have at least 9 players to start the game. A team may not continue with less than 8 players. Players added after the start of the game must bat last in the order and play in outfield.

PICK UP PLAYERS:

A team shall be able to pick up players to avoid a forfeit but you can only pick up a maximum of 2 players to make a 10-man roster. Each player that is picked up has to play the outfield positions and bat last in the lineup.



UNIFORMS

Numbered, same color shirts with similar shirt style and logos are preferred for all teams. As long as you are on the roster and can prove you are on the roster, uniforms are not required to be "identical". Numbers on the back of uniforms are necessary for scorekeeping purposes. The Athletic Supervisor will make all decisions concerning shirts in question. Players not meeting her standards will not be allowed to play.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Be advised that if you are a member of a team that has a large number of players and you are not getting the playing time you desire, you may not be able to join another team once you have signed the roster. If there is desire to join another team, a request must be made to the Athletic Supervisor.
2. An ineligible player shall be defined as indicated below:
 - a player not meeting the minimum age requirement (16 years old as of May 1 of the current year) **MUST HAVE PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGN IF UNDER 18**
 - A player who does not sign the roster or pay the appropriate fee prior to **June 25th 2020**.
 - a player who cannot prove identity when requested by an umpire or other league official
 - A player who has been removed from a roster.

If a player is determined to be ineligible, both the player and manager may be suspended for at least one calendar year and the offending team may forfeit the game in question as long as a proper protest is filed by the opponent.

3. A player may not play on more than one team within the same league. However, a player can play be on one roster for each league. Ex. player A is on a roster for a team in the Gold, Silver and Bronze league.

PLAYING RULES

1. 2020 Official Rules of Amateur Softball Association of America shall govern all play except when superseded by league rules.
2. Metal spikes are not permitted in the ACPR Slow-Pitch Leagues.
3. Game times will be 6:15, 7:15, and 8:15. Depending on the number of teams, an additional time slot may have to be created. No new inning shall begin after 60 minutes from the start of the game or if the home team is leading after 7 innings. Games will be played until a winner is determined. There will be a mercy rule of **20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings**.
4. Teams are encouraged to exchange lineups prior to the start of the game. Both teams should keep accurate records for protest purposes. The home team will be responsible for keeping score. It is the responsibility of each manager to sign the scorecard preceding the game. **Both teams should make sure the score is correct after each inning.** Umpires do not keep score.
5. A team may start with nine players & continue with eight players. A team unable to field nine players at game time will forfeit that game. If a team starting with nine players has a tenth player arrive, he/she may take his/her position on the field at that time and must bat in the #10 batting position. If a team starts a game with nine players, the tenth spot in the batting order shall be recorded as an out. Should a player be removed from the game due to an ejection and no legal substitute is available, that player will be declared out at that time and that position will remain an out every time it comes to bat.
7. The over-the-fence home run rule for is **Gold league is 5, the Silver league is 5, and the Bronze league is 5**. Additional home runs will not count and will be ruled an out.
8. A courtesy runner may be used once per inning for a batter reaching base. The courtesy runner shall be the last player to make an out.



9. If a male batter receives a walk on the first four pitches, the next female batter has the option of receiving a walk or taking her turn to bat. (Co-Ed League only)
10. Bronze league only: Female players have the choice of hitting the smaller ball, but they have to provide it.
11. Balls: Has to be the ASA stamped 52 core 300 compression.
12. Bats will have to have a new 2015 or above stamp. Senior League Bat are not allowed.

EJECTIONS, SUSPENSIONS, FORFEITS

1. The umpires have the authority to eject any player from a game for what they deem unsportsmanlike conduct including profanity. Any player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct or profanity **must leave the park.** He or she will not be eligible for the next game. Any player ejected for a flagrant act will be ejected from the park and will be subject to a hearing with the Umpires and the Parks and Recreation Department staff.
2. Two ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct during the current season will result in the player being suspended from the City softball leagues for one calendar year.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct from a team or its spectators may result in a game forfeiture. Verbal abuse at any time within the park by a team or its spectators will result in removal from the park and/or suspension. It is the responsibility of the team manager, captain and players to restrain their team members or spectators from abusing the umpires, opposing players or opposing spectators.
4. Physical violence between players or team members shall result in immediate suspension until a disciplinary hearing is held. It will be the suspended individual's responsibility to schedule a hearing with the Parks and Recreation Department. The department will consider each case individually and will take the appropriate disciplinary action following a hearing. Penalties may range from several games to permanent suspension from athletic leagues and or facilities.
5. Physical contact with the umpires or actions that could cause injury to an umpire may result in automatic suspension for the current season and following season and, if conditions warrant, the offending player may be permanently barred from playing in City Athletic Leagues. Charges may be filed if deemed necessary. Reminder: it is a state law that if you touch an umpire it will be considered a felony.
6. If the Athletic Supervisor has to be involved in an ejection, the player and the manager may both be suspended from the immediate game and the next scheduled game. If the same team has another ejection, that team may be suspended for the rest of the season. If the second offense happens during the end of the year tournament, this team may be suspended for the next season.
7. There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages by any team member or official before or during the game in the bleacher area or on the field of play. **There will be no smoking permitted on the field of play or in the bench area. There are designated smoking areas at the end of the outfield fence away from other spectators.** Violations will result in an immediate forfeiture by the offending team. Violations may also result in suspension of both the player(s) and the manager. There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages at the Sportplex.

*** NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED IN THE SPORTPLEX COMPLEX!**

PROTESTS

Protests must be made in accordance with ASA rules. Notification of a protest must be entered on the official scorecard prior to the game's completion. Only those involving eligible players will be accepted. Protests will be handled by the Athletic Supervisor of Parks and Recreation. Protests involving player eligibility must be made before or during the game upon discovery of the ineligible player. If a team is protesting player eligibility, the game will be played. The player in question must provide proper identification. If the player eligibility protest is valid, both the player and manager may be suspended for one calendar year and the team will forfeit all games up to the time of discovery and may not be allowed to enter the league the following year.



Have a great season!

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