



2011 ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ASA rules will govern all league play with the following exceptions:

1. Maximum of twenty (25) players will be allowed on a roster. Once a player participates in a game for a team in the same league, he/she will be ineligible to participate in a game for any other team within the Hanahan League. Rosters must be turned in along with a \$30.00 per player fee by March 11th. Failure to do so could not allow your team a space in the league. Season will begin by the end of March.
2. Awards:
First Place: League champion team trophy and league koozies
Second Place: Team trophy only
Tournament: Championship Team --- trophy and t-shirts
Runner-Up Team --- trophy only

In the event there is a tie for first place the tie will be broken by the following orders if needed (a) head to head competition, or (b) runs against when tied teams met, or (c) one game playoff.

3. Time Limit: One (1) hour. Scorekeeper will keep official time.
4. Grace Period: Game time is forfeit time. **EXCEPTION FOR THE 7PM GAMES IN THE MENS/CHURCH LEAGUES AND THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE WILL HAVE A 10 MINUTE GRACE PERIOD BUT THE TIME WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE HOUR TIME LIMIT*******

A \$25 per game forfeit fee is to be paid to the Hanahan Recreation and Parks Department before the next game is played. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any team forfeiting three (3) games overall will be dismissed from the league with no refund.

Exception: If a team cannot field 10 players by game time, they may play with nine (9) players. The tenth batting spot is not an out (Men's/Women's league only). If the player arrives after the start of the game, they may be placed in the line-up in any defensive position, but must bat in the tenth position.

5. Protest Games:
 - A. Head coach only: Announce/explain protest. Official is notified and protest is entered in scorebook.

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- B.** Turn in written protest to Recreation and Parks Department within 24 hours with \$25 fee to be paid to a Recreation and Parks Official.
 - C.** Recreation and Parks Department will decide on all protest.
 - D.** If protest is upheld, fee will be refunded, if not fee will be forfeited.
 - E.** All protest games will be played from point of protest.
 - F.** There will be no protest on judgment calls.
- 6. Any harassing of officials could result in forfeiture of game. This will not be tolerated. The head coach is responsible for the conduct of their team and their spectators before, during and after all games.
- 7. **No one is allowed in the dugout other than players and coaches. No children are allowed in dugout or on the field.**
- 8. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks Facilities are alcohol, tobacco and drug free. Anyone violating this rule will be dismissed from the program with no money being refunded.
- 9. A \$50.00 non-refundable team entry fee is required to reserve a space in our league and is due by February 25th.
- 10. Player/team fees will be due by March 11th. Rosters are locked after the first pitch, of your first game. **NO EXCEPTIONS. GET YOUR PLAYERS ON BOARD NOW!**
- 11. Reservations for field practice must be done by calling the Recreation and Parks Department office after paying your \$50.00 team entry fee. Reservations are made beginning on Fridays for the following week (Monday- Sunday). One practice during week days (Monday-Thursday) and one practice without lights on the weekends (Saturday-Sunday) using Spell Field.
- 12. Every team must have matching shirts before the first game with matching names on the front and a number on the back. The shirts must be alike in style and color. Penalty for not having matching shirts will be forfeiture.
- 13. In case of inclement weather, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 266-0723 ext. 2. Or you may register at www.rainedout.com to receive text messages or emails notifying you of rain outs.

NOTE: In the event a game is cancelled, it is the coach's responsibility to call to get the rescheduled game date and time. If there is a problem with the recording or you have questions please call 266-0723

- 14. Teams will supply their own **YELLOW 375 compression** and **.44 core** or under, **ASA** stamped softball.

Men = 12" ball --- Women = 11" ball

AMENDED RULE: A pitch may have the max arc of 12ft.

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15. Any bats that are in question can be found on the City of Hanahan adult sports page.
WWW.CITYOFHANAHAN.COM/ADULTSPORTS.CFM

16. Use of an ineligible player will result in a forfeit. In addition the player and coach will be suspended from the program for the remainder of the season. If an illegal player is caught during playoffs, illegal player and the coach will be suspended from the program for one (1) year.

PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL PLAYER: (1) If an illegal player is caught, game will be forfeited at that point. Opposing team will receive the win by forfeit. (2) Your team will be charged a \$25 forfeit fee. (3) Your team will pay a \$50 league fine for using an illegal player. (4) The forfeit fee along with league fine shall be paid by your next game. If the fee is not paid, you will forfeit your next game, resulting in another \$25 forfeit fee.

NOTE: A game official or the opposing teams are the only parties that have the right to question the use of an illegal player. If protested, the League Director or Athletic Supervisor may ask any player to present a picture I.D. Failure to provide such a request will result in a forfeit.

A) **FREE AGENT RULE:** Every team will be awarded 2 free agent slots. This will entitle every team an opportunity to add a player during the season, after the rosters have been locked. Free agent slots do not roll over to the next season and once the season is over, they are gone. If a team loses a player due to injury, work, illness, ect, a team may use their slot to replace that player. *(A player removed/ejected from the league, will have not be allowed to be replaced).Once a player is replaced with another, that player is removed from the roster and can no longer play the rest of the season. The newly added player will have to pay a \$30 player fee.

B) **ADDING FREE AGENT:** A free agent cannot be added at game time. In order to pay for/add a player it must be done during business hours Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM, at the Recreation Department. It must be done in person and not via email or phone. Written documentation stating the player removed and player added will be submitted to the team and placed in the official roster/scorebooks in each press box. There will be no exceptions to adding anyone after the free agent cut off.

NOTE: An added player cannot be on another roster in the league at any point and time during the season. **FREE AGENT MUST BE ADDED BY MAY 13th.**

17. Any manager, player or coach guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after a game while on the premises will be suspended for a period of time commensurate with the severity of the infraction. For example, a flagrant infraction such as fighting or threatening of bodily harm may be justified for removing the individual from the program indefinitely. Also, please refrain from using profanity.

18. Each player must have some type of medical insurance. All players will play at their own risk. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks staff or officials are not responsible for any injury which may occur during normal play.

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19. In the event of injury to any player, the coach in charge will be responsible for seeing that the injured player has adequate transportation to the nearest doctor or hospital. Accidents must be reported to the Recreation and Parks Department as soon as possible.
20. Managers, players and coaches will meet on the playing field prior to each game for the invocation. A representative from the home team will lead the invocation. At the conclusion of each game teams must meet on the playing field to extend congratulations.
21. Line-ups will be turned into the official scorekeeper with the last name and number of each player listed in the batting order. Any other way will not be accepted. The line-up should be turned in 15 minutes before scheduled game time. All substitutions should be reported to the official scorekeeper.
22. All adult softball leagues will have a 10 run rule after five (5) innings, 15 run rule after four (4) innings and 20 run rule after three (3) innings.

23. Age requirements: Players must be at least 18 years of age as of April 1st of the current year.

EXCEPTION: A team will be allowed to have up to two (2) players aged 16-18 years old. These players must have a parental consent form signed on file with the Recreation and Parks Department.

24. **IF CHURCH TEAM:** All players must be members or regular attendees of the church to participate in this league. Any church member of one church in our league may not play for another church team in the same division.
25. **Home Run Rule:** No team can hit more than one (1) homerun than the other team has hit. Example: Visiting team has hit one homerun over the fence and in the bottom of the inning the home team hits a homerun over the fence. Either team can hit the next homerun. In other words, the home team could hit two homeruns in one inning as long as they don't have over one (1) more than the opposing team. All others will be an out.
26. Each batter will approach the plate with a one (1) strike, one (1) ball count already in place. On second (2nd) foul ball after 2 strikes, the batter is out. THIS RULE IS NOW IN PLACE FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LEAGUE as of AUGUST 1st, 2010.
27. **Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner will be permitted one (1) time per inning. The runner must be the player which made the last out. All other runners will be considered as a substitute. In the event a player is injured and all substitutes have been used the opposing team may select a courtesy runner. The courtesy runner must be reported to the officials and the opposing team.

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28. **Tournament Play:** A post season double elimination tournament will begin at the conclusion of the regular season. All teams will be seeded according to their finish in the regular season. Regular season rules will apply. In the championship game there will no time limit and no run rule in affect.
29. **Batting Order:** A team batting order may consist of up to 12 players. (2 designated hitters).
30. The Recreation and Parks Department reserve the right to amend any rules if it is deemed necessary to improve the league. This also applies during the season.
31. No metal cleats allowed.
32. Although ASA rules allow stealing, there will be **no** stealing in the HRPD league.
33. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks department is not responsible for any lost or stolen items on our complex grounds.
34. Parking at the complex, is “park at your own risk.” (Foul balls, over thrown balls, etc).

CONTACT

Rain Hotline - 266-0723 ext. 2
www.rainedout.com (for cancelled games)
EMAIL – HRDathletics@gmail.com
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www.cityofhanahan.com/adultsports.cfm

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