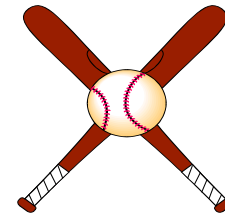




ADULT BASEBALL



LEAGUE

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RULES & REGULATIONS

League Rules

A) RULES & REGULATION POLICY

The Peoria Community Services Department reserves the right to modify/change any rules or regulations during the season for the good of the league. Any instances not covered shall be governed at the discretion of the Community Services Department. All questions or concerns should be directed to (623) 773-8707.

B) AWARDS

The team winning their division's tournament at the end of the season will earn \$300 off their registration fee for the next season.

C) GAME CANCELLATIONS

Game cancellations due to inclement weather, irrigation issues, etc., may be rescheduled, field availability permitting. Decisions on rainout games can be obtained after 7 a. m. by phoning 623-773-8707. The Peoria Community Services Department reserves the right to adjust the league format during the season, if necessary due to cancellations.

D) STANDINGS/TOURNAMENT SEEDS

Standings will be updated weekly on the web site. Standings are based on winning percentage. If tiebreakers are necessary, they will be utilized in the following order:

1. Total Run Differential
2. Runs Allowed
3. Runs Scored
4. Head-to-Head

Any team that has forfeited a game to any team they are tied with will automatically take the lower seed for the tournament. Teams will be seeded for tournament play based on the final results of regular season play.

Code of Conduct

The term "individual" includes a manager, player or spectator. The term "official" includes an umpire, umpire supervisor, site supervisor or other City of Peoria employee.

No Individual Shall:

1. Drink alcoholic beverages during a scheduled game.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by official.

Standard Penalty: Ejection from game and facility.

2. Play while intoxicated due to alcohol or drug use.

Minimum Penalty: Ejection from game and facility.

Standard Penalty: Ejection from game and facility and suspension for remainder of season.

3. Use profane language in any manner.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by official.

Standard Penalty: Ejection from game and facility.

4. Demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by official.

Standard Penalty: Ejection from game and facility and suspension for one game.

5. Verbally/physically threaten an official/individual.

Minimum Penalty: Ejection from game and facility and suspension for remainder of season.

Standard Penalty: Ejection from game and facility and suspension for one calendar year.

All infractions are subject to at least a minimum or standard disciplinary action. However, the Peoria Community Services Department reserves the right to implement more severe maximum discipline on a discretionary basis, up to and including permanent expulsion of players, managers and/or teams and charges filed with the City of Peoria Police Department, if applicable.

F) OFFICIAL SCORE

Both teams are responsible for the score. Score must be kept on the official scoresheet by the team at bat each half inning, unless agreed otherwise by both teams.

G) EH RULE/LINEUP SUBSTITUTIONS

The Extra Hitter (EH) rule will be in effect. The EH rule allows a team to bat up to twelve players. Extra hitters may be used by any team, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and his/her name is indicated on the score sheet. The EH must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game. If a player leaves a game due to injury and does not return, his/her spot on the official score sheet can be taken by a bench substitute. If a substitute is not available, the vacant position in the lineup will be counted as an out the first time and then all subsequent batters will move up in the lineup. There is no additional penalty. If a player is ejected and a substitute is not available, that position in the lineup is an automatic out each time it appears throughout the game.

H) SPEED UP RULE

Any time the pitcher or catcher reaches first base, a courtesy runner may be used. All courtesy runners must be a roster player who is not currently on base or at bat. If no substitutes are available, the last person out must be used.

D) GEAR/EQUIPMENT

The catcher must be outfitted in full protective equipment including throat guard and protective cup. The equipment is the responsibility of each team. Batting helmets must be worn by the batter, base runners and on-deck hitters and must be dual-flap helmets. Bats will be governed by Federation Rules (-3 bats standard). Four new baseballs will be provided for each game.

E) TUNNELS/INFIELD PRACTICE

Major league hitting tunnels are strictly off-limits. There will be no infield practice between or before games. Soft toss against fences is prohibited due to the damage it causes.

F) TEAM ROSTERS

Players must be at least 18 years old prior to their first game. The team roster may not contain less than nine or more than eighteen players. The roster must be submitted at the time of registration. Players may be added or deleted with the site supervisor in the league's roster book up until the beginning of their fifth game. Additions to the roster must be made with the site supervisor before the new player participates in a game. A player must play in at least four regular season games to be eligible for tournament play.

G) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

Only a team's manager may request an eligibility check of an opposing player. Time out must be called and the manager must have the site supervisor determine eligibility. Eligibility checks must be made prior to the completion of the game. A player may be ineligible if 1) the player in question does not have identification in possession; 2) the player's name does not appear on the roster; 3) the player does not meet the age requirement; 4) the player appears on more than one roster within a division of the adult baseball league. If a player is determined to be ineligible, the team using the ineligible player forfeits the game that is in progress. Use of an ineligible player may result in team's expulsion from the adult baseball league.

H) FORFEITS

Game time is forfeit time. A team must have a minimum of eight players to start and complete a game. There will be a 10 minute grace period for 8 a.m. games only. This will count towards game time. Teams may be dropped from the league after two forfeits at the Community Service Department's discretion.

D) CONDUCT

The site supervisor and umpires are empowered to forfeit any game and eject players, coaches or fans, without warning, from the game for conduct deemed unsportsmanlike or detrimental to the game. All managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. The players' *Code of Conduct* will govern incidents and occurrences.

J) ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcoholic beverages during games is strictly prohibited.

K) EJECTIONS

An ejected player must leave the facility immediately. Each incident will be reviewed and a decision on the length of the suspension will be made within the guidelines of the *Code of Conduct* in a reasonable length of time.

L) SUSPENSIONS

If a suspended individual is found to be participating in a game, the game will be forfeited and the individual will be subject to an additional one-game suspension. The team's manager will also be subject to a one-game suspension.

M) OFFICIAL PROTESTS

Official protests may only be enacted in regards to an umpire's ruling and may only be made by a team's manager. A manager must enact the protest of a particular play prior to the next pitch of the game. The manager must call time and inform the umpire of the intent to play the game under protest. The protest must then be submitted in writing to the Peoria Sports Complex Administrative Office by 12 p.m. the following Monday. All protests must be submitted with a \$50 fee, to be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the fee is nonrefundable. Protests will only be upheld if it is determined that the umpire's ruling in question definitely and directly resulted in a wrongful outcome of the game. Subsequent action will be at the discretion of the Community Services Department.

Game Rules

A) GOVERNING BODY

All game rules are governed and interpreted by the umpires, using City of Peoria league rules and the current National Baseball Federation High School Rule Book. General rules of play not outlined here can be found in the current National Baseball Federation High School Rule Book.

B) HOME TEAM

During the regular season, the home team is determined by a coin flip. During the tournament, the home team is determined by the higher seed. If divisions are mixed and teams have the same seed a coin flip will determine home team.

C) GAME TIME

Umpires will keep the official game time. Both teams are responsible for knowing the exact starting time. The game is seven innings in length or 2 hours and 15 minutes, whichever comes first. An inning already in progress at the end of the time limit will be completed. Additional time may be added at the umpire's discretion for games delayed by rain or injury.

D) TIES

Tie games in the regular season will be played out if official game time remains. If time has expired, the tie will stand. A tie will be reflected in the standings with each team receiving 0.5 win and 0.5 loss. Tie games in the tournament will be played to conclusion.

E) LINEUP

Teams must have a minimum of eight players in the starting lineup. Lineup must be listed on the official score-sheet and must have each player's first initial and last name. Any player arriving late to the game must be added to the bottom of the lineup.