

# **CITY OF PEORIA SENIOR SOFTBALL**

## ***Supplementary Tournament Playing Rules***

Tournament games will be played according to Senior Softball USA (SSUSA) rules except where the supplementary rules listed below apply. The home team scorer will assist the umpire in regards to runs scored, time limit, substitutes, and courtesy runners. There will be a field manager at each venue.

**Rosters must be filled out and signed by all players and turned in prior to the first game.**

- All participants must have proof of age
- Teams with ineligible players will forfeit all games played
- Participants must be a minimum required age for his division in the 2012 calendar year.

### **Bats**

All bats must be certified as 1.2 BPF. The original Grey Miken Ultra 1 will not be allowed.

### **Roster**

Rosters may include up to twenty (20) players. There will be no more than fifteen (15) prizes awarded to any team. Individuals may play in two age divisions as long as they are older than their minimum age for that division and they meet all requirements for each division. No game will be delayed to wait for a player who is finishing a game in another group. A player may not play for another team after his team has been eliminated from the tournament.

### **Waiver**

No player will be permitted to participate in the Tournament unless they have signed the Roster and Waiver form. Managers should advise their players to read the waiver document very carefully before signing. All players participate at their own risk.

### **Size of teams**

#### **Recreational Division**

Recreational teams may have only four (4) tournament players on their roster. NO major or major plus players may play on a recreational team.

#### **50,55,60,65, and Recreational Divisions**

Ten (10) defensive players constitute a team. A team may bat as many players as they so choose. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players at the start and finish of a game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. A tenth player may be added during the game, but must be listed last in the batting order. If a player is injured and there is no substitute available, an out will be recorded the first time through the lineup only.

## **70 and 75 Divisions**

Eleven (11) defensive players constitute a team. A team must have a minimum of ten (10) players at the start and finish of a game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. An eleventh player may be added during the game, but must be listed last in the batting order. If a player is injured and there is no substitute available, an out will be recorded the first time through the lineup only. In the 75 division, 5 players of age 74 will be allowed.

## **Starting Times**

Teams must be ready to play at the conclusion of the preceding game. Times listed on the schedule are approximate.

## **Official Game Record**

The official game record must be completed and returned to the field manager at the conclusion of each game. The home team scorebook will be the official scorebook. The home team will be decided by a coin flip before each game. **The visiting team will automatically be awarded one half (1/2) of one run. This will guarantee there will be no tied games. This half run will only be awarded in the event of a tie game.**

## **Length of Games**

Games will be seven (7) innings or at the end of the time limit as announced by the umpire. At the end of 60 minutes, the umpire will announce that the current inning will be completed and 1 more played if necessary. Exception: No time limit in the championship game.

## **Five Run Rule**

The five (5) run rule per inning will be in effect except for the last inning.

## **Twelve (12) Run Mercy Rule**

The twelve run mercy rule will be in effect after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead). If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs, the team ahead is declared the winner and play ceases. The home team can bat in the bottom of the inning if they are behind by 12 or more runs. This rule does not apply to championship games.

## **Balls and Strikes**

A strike zone mat will be used. Legal pitches striking any portion of the mat or plate will be called a strike. To be a legal pitch, a pitch must arch between six (6) feet and twelve (12) feet high. A third strike foul is a dead ball out. If the third strike foul ball is caught runners may advance at their own risk after tagging up.

## **Base Running**

### **75 Division**

A runner must avoid excessive contact with a defensive player that is playing the ball.

### **50,55,60,65, 70, and Recreational Divisions**

Players may slide into 2nd or 3rd base. No sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> or home plate. A runner may slide returning to a base. A runner may not slide to upset a defensive player.

## **Courtesy Runners**

A courtesy runner whose time at bat occurs while he is on base will be declared out. He will be removed from the base and come to bat. Except in case of injury, a courtesy runner may not replace another courtesy runner. A courtesy runner removed from the game because of injury will not be permitted to return to the game. A courtesy runner may be used for a base runner at any time and may be any player on the roster. A player may run as a courtesy runner once per inning.

## **Home Run Rule**

We will use the 1 up rule for home runs. This means if a given team hits a home run, they cannot hit another home run until the other team catches up. The other team would be allowed one to catch up and one additional to go up by one before they would be restricted. This definition of a home run is only for balls hit over the fence. Home runs that are not allowed by this rule will be treated as a walk. Runners on base will only advance if they are forced to the next base.

## **Scoring Line or Plate**

A scoring line or plate will be used. For a line, a players' foot must be down on or past the scoring line before the ball is caught to be safe. Runners will be called out for any contact with a defensive player, if in the judgment of the umpire, the contact was deliberate.

## **Protests**

Only managers or acting managers may protest. The protest must be made before the next pitch. All protests will be decided by the umpire and or the field manager.

## **Playoff Position Criteria**

1. Head to head record
2. Run Differential (runs scored - runs allowed) with a max of 12 per game.
3. Coin toss.

## **Awards**

Each Tournament division consisting of at least six (6) teams will be awarded a 15 Tournament jackets

Recreation Divisions will receive custom Tournament shirts.

## **Announcements**

The City of Peoria and the Tournament Director do not provide accident insurance for participants. All players play at their own risk.

The tournament director reserves the right to reorganize the tournament in case of inclement weather.