

SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS
ALL games will be played in accordance with the
2009 official ASA Softball Rule Book; except as modified herein.

1. ROSTERS / FEES

- A. Team entry fee \$350.00 per team
- B. League fee is to be paid in full upon registration.
- C. Twenty (20) member team roster limit
- D. Rosters are to be turned into scorekeeper by the second game of the season. Additions can be made no later than the fifth game of the season.
- E. No one under 18 is permitted to play

2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The legality of all players is the managers responsibility
- B. Any player whose name is not listed on the roster will be ineligible to participate. The penalty for use of a non-rostered player is forfeiture of each game in which he/she ineligibly participates.
- C. The penalty for a player who participates under a name other than his own, either on the roster or the scorecard is a six (6) month suspension from further participation and forfeiture of each game in which he/she ineligibly participated.
- D. A player may play for one (1) team per night.
- E. A team may protest the eligibility of an opposing player by following the formal protest procedure, *SEE # 7 (PROTEST PROCEDURES)*

3. TEAM CONDUCT / SUSPENSION

- A. The conduct of the players is manager's responsibility.
- B. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on City property before, during, or after a game. This also includes team's spectators.
- C. A player who is ejected from a game by an umpire is automatically suspended from play for the next 2 games. A player that is suspended is not allowed on Egan Field property during time of suspension. The Athletic Coordinator may suspend a player for a longer period of time if

this behavior is considered serious. A player receiving two suspensions during a season will be permanently banned from the City of St Pete Beach Softball Leagues. Any player who plays while under suspension will also be banned from playing in the City of St Pete Beach.

- D. Suspensions for a specific number of games begin with and include only played games and will overlap into the following season.

4. GAME PROCEDURE

- A. All games will start at scheduled time. No grace period, Scoreboard clock will be the official time.
- B. The home team will supply a new Restricted Flight Game Ball. The visiting team shall supply a good used ball. **We now use a .44 “Gold Stitch” ball.**
- C. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players to start a game, and (9) to finish a game.
- D. If the home team is leading by 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings of play, the umpires will declare a complete game.
- E. No new innings will start after 1 hour and 10 minutes (exception – game is tied).
- F. TIE GAMES – if after seven complete innings or the start of any inning after 1 hour and 10 minutes of play, the game is tied, the person in the line-up preceding the lead off batter of that half-inning will be placed on second base. This will continue until a winner is declared.
- G. The fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after 3 innings.
- H. Dugouts are reserved for team members only.
- I. EXTRA PLAYERS – An extra player, referred to as a “DH” is optional, but if one is used, it must be known prior to the start of the game, and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the “DH” is used, he must be used the entire game, unless injured. If injured, and there is no other player to take the DH’s place, then an “out” will be given when the DH’s place comes up in the batting order. The “DH” must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game. If the “DH” is used, all eleven players must bat and ten can play defense. Defensive positions can change but batting order must remain the same. The “DH” may be substituted for any time, either by a pinch runner or pinch hitter, which

then becomes the "DH". The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game, the starting "DH" can re-enter.

5. UNIFORMS

A. OPTIONAL

6. PROTEST PROCEDURE

A. Protest concerning rule interpretations must be handled in the following manner.

1. Protest the game to the home plate umpire before the next pitch, and make sure the scorekeeper notes on the scorecard the protest.
2. An appointment must be made with the Recreation Department within 24 hours citing the rule infraction(s).
3. A fee of \$25.00 cash is due at the appointment. If protest is awarded, the cash is returned, if the protest is denied, the cash is forfeited.
4. Protest concerning illegal player must be made before the final out of the game. The player in question must present a picture I.D. to the umpire.
5. Protest – the team manager will handle complaints.
6. Protest based on a decision, which involves the accuracy and judgment of the part of the umpire shall not be considered
7. Not following the correct protest procedure will result in a denied protest.

7. FIELD RENTALS

A. Reservations must be made through the Recreation Department.

8. COED RULES

All rules above apply including the following:

- A. Each team may play with 8 or 10 players. If 8 people play the combination must be 4 men and 4 women, (9 players may play with an automatic out). A team must be an even number of male and female players.

- B. The batting order must alternate male, female, ect.
- C. If a male is walked with two outs existing, the female following him in the batting order has the option to bat, or also walk.
- D. There may be an "EH" when there is both an extra male and female in the lineup.
- E. There will be a "line" in the outfield (200 feet from home plate) that the outfielders must stay behind while a women is batting. Once the ball has been hit the outfielders may move in if necessary, but not until then.

9. LINE-UP CARDS

- A. Must be turned in and complete with the first name, last name, and position #, (10) ten minutes before game time.

10. HOME RUN LIMIT / GAME

- A. League teams are allow (2) two home runs per game.

11. RAIN-OUTS

- A. Team manager and members may call the Recreation office at 363-9245 after 3:30 p.m. to check on games. No determination will be made before that time. The League Coordinator's decision is final.

12. INSURANCE

- A. The City of St Pete Beach will not be responsible for doctors or hospital bills. Teams are urged to purchase insurance covering injury of team members.

13. AWARDS

- A. First and Second place trophy.

14. STANDINGS

If final standings are tied, we will revert to tie breakers as followed:

- A. Head to head competition from league play.
- B. Total runs scored in head to head competition.

15. REFUND POLICY

No Refunds.

EACH BATTER WILL START WITH A 1 – BALL, 1 STIKE COUNT , WITH NO COURTESY FOUL.

ASA BAND BATS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.