

## City of Reedley Adult Softball League 2023

### Rules

- A. Pitching height is feet 6 to 10 feet. 1 to 1 count; one to waste.
- B. The home team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper unless there is one present from the City.
- C. The ASA illegal bat list will be enforced.
- D. 70-minute game time limit. No new inning after 65 minutes.
- E. One courtesy runner per inning at first base. Last out. In the case of an injured player a courtesy runner may be used.
- F. **Run Rule Recreation League:** The 10-run rule will be in effect (no options). The ten run is put into effect so teams don't have blow-out every inning. Teams will rotate once the 10<sup>th</sup> runner has scored in that inning. **Exception:** Last inning of the game, both teams will play until 3 outs have been recorded.
- G. Home run rules: 4 over the fence per game per team. All others constitute as an out except on the third out of the inning, will be counted as a foul strike. If this is counted as the 2<sup>nd</sup> foul ball the batter is out even if this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the inning. This rule does apply to the last out of the game.
- H. In left field if the ball lands in between the scoreboard fence and homerun fence this will be called a double. It has to go over the homerun fence to be a homerun.
- I. No batting or infield practice. Absolutely no hitting or throwing of balls against backstops or fences.
- J. Line-ups must be ready before the scheduled game time. First and last names MUST appear on the scorecard. Line-ups must be given to the scorekeeper. If no scorekeeper is present give to the umpire.
- K. All runners must get down or get out of the way of any close play at any base. If there is a collision, it is the discretion of the umpire of the consequences.
- L. There must be a clear path to home plate. The player must still get down on a close play, but the catcher is not allowed to completely cover home plate. If the player touches the home base or black rubber, they are considered safe.
- M. You may not bat more than 15 people.

- N. Metal cleats are prohibited. No exceptions.
- O. All equipment must be kept in the dugout.
- P. Runner cannot leave the base until the ball passes home plate.
- Q. **The ball being used is 52/300 12 inch. The City of Reedley will furnish 1 ball per night.**
- R. The home team will sit on the third base line.
- S. Tie games will **not** be played off at the end of the season. Any game that ends in a tie after 7 innings and if there is time left in regulation, will be allowed to continue until the time limit is up. If the game remains a tie at this point, it will be entered into the standings as a tie. Each team will receive **two points for each game won; and one point for each tie** game. If the point totals are the same, head to head competition will be used. If the tie still exists, we will go by points scored. And finally, a playoff if needed.
- T. Any player who is hurt during a game must fill out a case report. If this is not filled out the player may not return to play in the said game or future games. If the player is injured to the point of not playing in the said game there will be no penalty. The player will be deleted from the lineup.

## **Roster Information**

- A. Roster must be turned in by the first game. Fees must be paid in full by the Managers meeting, if the fee is not paid in full by the first game the game will be a forfeit.
- B. All players must sign liability roster before players play any games in the league. See scorekeeper if roster has been turned in. If there is no scorekeeper present see the umpire.
- C. The use of an ineligible player shall result in a forfeit for any/all games that the ineligible player played in.
- D. Players can only play on one team. If a player is found to be playing on multiple teams the games played will be forfeited for all teams the player played with.
- E. A team shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of twenty (20) eligible players on a team roster.
- F. Players can be added to the rosters up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> game.
- G. A player arriving late (after game has begun) must bat after the last listed player in the order.

## Players Qualifications

- A. Players wishing to play in the City's Softball league must have reached their (18) eighteenth birthday prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they wish to play.
- B. All players must sign the original team contract. A manager or other persons shall not sign a team contract for another person. The penalty for signing another person's name on a contract is held legally liable in case of injury to the person whose name was signed.
- C. Players on roster **must play 2** league games to qualify for Playoffs and Championship games

## Forfeits

- A. Teams must be ready to play at scheduled time. **Game time is forfeit time**, except for the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the evening which has ten (10) minutes grace period.
- B. Teams must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start and complete a game.
- C. Forfeits will be entered into the book as a 7-0 loss and the umpire shall sign the book.
- D. Games may be forfeited by the umpire if a team persists in using tactics that delay the progress of the game.

## Protest

- A. Protest for ineligible players must be billed with \$50.00 protest fee, before the completion of the said game. If the resolution is an ineligible player the protester will be refunded the \$50.00.
- B. **A Judgment call cannot be protested. All umpires decisions are final.**
- C. **All Rule Protests** must be made verbally to the official in charge by the manager immediately following the situation.
  - A. The protest must be recorded on the scorecard at the time of the protest and signed by the protesting manager, the opposing team manager and game official before play resumes. If opposing team manager chooses not to sign, the official should note that on the scorecard.  
**Signing the scorecard is not an admission of guilt.**
  - B. All rule protests must be in writing and turned into the Community Services Office by 5:00 p.m. of the next working day following the disputed game. Failure to do so will eliminate all considerations of rule protest.

## Misconduct Rules

- A. Any player or manager ejected from a game will be suspended for the next game

automatically. Championship play is not exempt from this rule.

- B. Ejection from a game is an out if the said team has no substitutes to play. The game can not end with this out; next batter on the line-up will bat.
- C. If a player or manager is ejected from a second game, he will automatically be suspended for the rest of the year.
- D. Any player who threatens or places his hands on an umpire or any other person in anger will be automatically suspended for the rest of the season plus the following season or longer. If the offense happens during the last three games of the season, or in the playoffs, the suspension will carry over to the next two or more softball seasons.

### **Agreements**

Upon filing and accepting of an official contract for the City league, each manager agrees that he has read all the rules, regulations and further agrees that he will conduct himself and control his team accordance with all policies, rules and regulations of the Reedley Community Services Department.

#### **NOTE:**

**The Reedley Community Services Department reserves the right to alter, interpret and administer all rules and situations concerning the league.**

**NO ALCOHOL, VAPING, SMOKING OR DRUGS ON OR AROUND THE PLAYING FIELD!!! If a team continues to disregard this rule the City reserves the right to forfeit future games.**

**Cars are not allowed to park down the dirt walkway close to the fields. This is reserved for emergency vehicles and City staff.**

**Adult Softball Rules are available at [www.reedley.com](http://www.reedley.com)**