

Roosevelt Softball Rules

Games start on time. We recommend coming 15 minutes prior to game time.

New Rule. You can no longer hit a homerun on the 36th st field. If you hit the ball over the fence it is an automatic out. All homeruns are to be run out.

Bats. Each team must supply their own bats. Bats must be ASA certified and not appear on the list found here.

www.softball.org/about/certifiedequipment.asp

Helmets. Helmets are optional, but recommended.

Players. A team consist of ten players. There must be 4 players in the outfield at all times. There must be 3 women in the field and in the batting order at all times except when playing short.

Short players. If you do not have a full team ready to play at start time, you may play with a minimum of 8 players. You must always have a catcher. If you decide to play with 8 players you must have 1 female player, and you must take an out in your lineup and that girl must bat twice. In this case the girl must play the field and a guy must catch with a maximum of 8 players on the at all times. If you only have 1 girl you can add 1 girl from another team in the league and still take an out in the lineup, but you can only have 9 on the field and a guy will have to catch. In addition, after a team has batted around no player will be added to a lineup. If a player is going to be late and you want to put them in your lineup you can, but you must take an out if that player is not there for there at bat. Once the have received n out in their spot they can not be removed from the lineup. If they do not show you must take an out for the rest of that game.

Girls rule. When playing 2 girls they must both play an infield or outfield position(catcher nor pitcher count in this rule). When playing with three girls, two girls must play an infield or outfield position. You can not play with any less than one girl at anytime. You can pick up a girl from another team when you only have one girl, if not you can play with one but that girl must bat twice in your line up and play an outfield or infield position. No girls you must forfeit no exceptions.

Sliding. Sliding is allowed. You are not allowed to take anyone out, if caught doing so it will result in automatic ejection.

Time limit. Games are 7 innings or 60 minutes. Innings started before the time limit will be finished. There can be ties. Starting a final inning is up to discretion of the umpire. There are no run limits in the final inning of game. Games are official if over 30 minutes, no inning requirements.

Home team. The home team is decided by who is listed first on the schedule, the switch for second game.

Pitching. The umpire will determine balls and strikes; a legal pitch must have an arc of 6' -12'. a "flat" ball is a ball. Our goal is to have people swing the bat, so we have an aggressive strike zone. Pitchers may not use any type of fake, jump or intentional hesitation while pitching. The umpires are hereto help us and have fu too. Please thank them for making our league possible. **WE HAVE A ZERO TOELRANCE FOR PERSONAL ATTACKS.** You will probably see these people again. **ONE WARNING WILL BE GIVEN AND AFTER THAT, THE PLAYER WILL BE EJECTED FROM GAME AND/OR LEAGUE. WE DO NOT CLAIM OUR UMPIRES WILL BE RIGHT 100% OF THE TIME.**

Batting. Each batter will start with 1 ball, 1 strike count. Once a batter has 2 strikes, the next ball must be fair or the batter is out. If a male is walked and a female follows him in the batting order, the female has the choice to take a walk or bat.

Run limit. 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings.

Batting order. A maximum of 4 male batters in a row at any point in the batting order. All players will be in the batting order(unless you are playing short). Teams may move players in and out of any fielding position as long as they remain in the same spot in the batting order. Individual teams are responsible for their batting orders and score keeping. They are also responsible for any challenges to the opposing team. Any violations of the batting order are an automatic out during the next at bat and possible score correction if the play resulted in a run. **UMPIRES HAVE THE FINAL CALL ON ANY DISPUTES....**

Fielding. You must have two girls in an outfield or infield position at all times (catcher nor pitcher count as an infield position). You must have a catcher at all times even when playing short. Everyone is required to play 2 innings in the field.

Scoring. The umpire will keep track of runs scored. However, teams are encouraged to their own score during the game for discrepancies at the end of play.

Stealing. No stealing bases or leading off. One foot on the bag until contact is made with the ball.

Infield fly rule. A pop up in the infield with less then two outs with runners on 1st or 1st and 2nd or the bases loaded. The ump will call "infield fly" and the batter is automatically out even if the fielder does not catch the ball. The base runners do not have to advance in such cases; however, they may once the ball hit's the ground or is caught.

Bunting. No intentional bunting allowed.

Playoffs. Runs will not matter when determining playoff seeding. This rule deters teams from running up the score on others. **PLEASE RESPECT ON ANOTHER.** Playoffs will

be based on team record, head to head then coin flip.

Illegal bats. Any bat deemed illegal is not allowed. If the bat is found to be used in the game, the game is subject to forfeit.

Female at bats. When females are batting, men are not allowed to play a deep infield. A cone will exist letting the outfielders know how far they can play in. A female will automatically be awarded first base if a player is caught playing before the cones. Also you can not throw a girl out from an outfield position.

Sportsmanship. WE ARE HERE TO HAVE FUN. We hope everyone keeps that in mind before playing. Although specific situations may be disputed, we are all here to have fun. With this said, any behavior deemed unacceptable by an umpire or staff may result in ejection from game or league. If a player is ejected they cannot be replaced and may cause a forfeit. They will also be required to sit out the following week's game. If ejected for second time in the season they will be removed NO REFUND.

Café Hon. Come enjoy happy hour pricing and wings after games with others from league.

Bad weather cancellations. All efforts will be made to cancel games by 11am.....team captains will get in touch with players. Rainouts will be made up at end of season if time permits it.

Heat advisory. With this being a summer league, we advise teams to take extra steps to keep players hydrated, and safe from heat exhaustion

Any questions or concerns will be brought to the attention of the Roosevelt Sports Committee. Any decisions made by the committee will be final.

don't forget to keep track of your team schedule and standings by visiting www.rooseveltsports.com