

Village of Groveport

Parks and Recreation Department

2009 Summer Softball Tournament Rules

Please note that games are governed by the 2009 Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules with the following exceptions:

1. **Length of Game:** A game will consist of seven innings or 60 minutes. No new inning will start after 60 minutes have elapsed except if the score is tied. (Exact start time)
2. **Extra Innings:** A Tie Break rule will be used in extra innings or any inning starting after 60 minutes. The last batter from the previous inning is placed on 2nd base and the inning begins with one (1) out.
3. **Run Rule:** No new inning will begin if a team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after 5 innings (4 and a half if the home team is winning), 15 runs after the 4th inning (3 and a half if the home team is winning), or 20 runs after the 3rd inning (two and a half if the home team is winning).
4. **The Count:** Each batter will start their at bat with a count of one ball and one strike.
5. **Foul Balls:** Once a batter has two strikes, he gets a "FREE" foul ball. A second foul ball after two strikes results in an automatic out.
6. **Banned Bats:** There are bats that are not allowed per ASA rules. Additional bats may be banned from use in the Groveport Softball Leagues. Bats will be inspected by field umpire prior to each game. Approved and Non-Approved bat lists can be found at www.asasoftball.com.
7. **Cleats:** No metal cleats allowed.
8. **Roster:** All roster changes are allowed through the final game of pool play. All players must have played in at least one pool play game to be eligible for the tournament. Participation is defined as playing in the game.
9. **Forfeits:** Game time is forfeit time!
10. **Lightening/Inclement Weather:** In case of lightening in the area, play will be suspended. Participants will be asked not to leave Groveport Park until games are officially postponed or play is resumed. Play will not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last visible lightening, or audible thunder, in the area.

The Groveport Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to rule on any matter not specifically covered in the rules and may add or revise rules as needed.