

Village of Groveport

Parks and Recreation Department

2009 Summer Softball 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/she 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. A complete list of banned bats will be available at the Team Manager's Meeting (Saturday April 25, 2009 11:00 am)
7. **Co-Rec Teams:** Co-Rec teams must play with an even number of players and an equal amount of males and females. EXCEPTION: Teams may play with 9 players and take an automatic out in the 10th spot in the batting order. **The nine players must include 4 members of each gender.**
8. **Co-Rec Batting:** The batting order must alternate between male and female batters. When a male batter is walked, the award is two bases. WHEN THERE ARE TWO OUTS, if a male batter is walked, the following female batter has the choice of batting or taking an automatic walk (per ASA rule).
9. **Co-Rec Defensive Positioning:** (per ASA rule) You must have 2 males and 2 females in both the infield and the outfield and 1 male and 1 female as pitcher and catcher.
10. **Cleats:** No metal cleats allowed.
11. **Roster :** All roster changes are allowed through the final game of the regular season. Please keep in mind, a player must have played in at least 3 games during the regular season to be eligible for the playoffs.
12. **Forfeits:** Game time is forfeit time! More than one forfeit by a team during the regular season may result in dismissal from the league.
13. **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.