

# North Jersey Co-Ed Softball League Rules 2021 Season

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**\*\*PLEASE TEXT YOUR SCORE TO JASON BAUMANN AT THE END OF YOUR GAME\*\***

1. Scores – Both teams are responsible for reporting scores via text or phone call to Jason at the conclusion of the game.
2. All players must be at least 18 years of age by the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season.
3. No bunting or stealing
4. **No umpires during the regular season. Each captain is responsible for its team members. Base Coaches will call plays at each base and in the outfield. Catchers call fair/foul.**
5. No Profanity, etc. Player will be ejected. Team is warned. Multiple problems will result in the team being removed from the league.
6. 6:00 game time with a 15-minute grace period. All players must be in physical view of the playing field.
7. Slow Arc- Pitch – 6 to 12'. Arc must be over batter's head. Balls and strikes will be called by the catcher. A strike will be a pitch that hits the plate, the mat, or a foul ball. Foul on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is **NOT** an out.
8. Home team provides balls and bases for games. Away team provides the Runner's Base to be used at 1<sup>st</sup> base only. Runner's base is placed in Foul territory and if a batted ball hits the base, it is foul. If ball is lost away team provides second ball and rotates from there if more balls are lost.
9. Trump Stote balls will/must be used. They are a restricted flight ball. Balls will be provided by the league.

10. 20 Run Rule after 4 innings & 15 Run Rule after 5 innings

11. A Minimum of 2 females must be on the field and batting at all times. If you do not have enough females, an out will be taken at the end of the batting order and only 9 players can be on the field (at least 1 must be female), unless both teams agree prior to the start of the game. A female must pinch hit for a female.

12. No Creep rule for females – When a female is batting, outfielders are not allowed to creep in less than 50 feet from the bases. Prior to the game, coaches should discuss what 50 feet is either by walking it off or measuring. Coaches are responsible to let fielders know where the 50' line is prior to the game. Teams may not use a short fielder when females are batting.

13. You can have 8 players to start the game, but must finish with 9 or take a forfeit (Unless the other team agrees that you can start and finish with 8). At least 1 of the 8 must be female.

14. Courtesy runners may be used. It will be the last *batted* out. A female must run for a female, unless agreed upon and discussed prior to the game.

15. The rule is to avoid contact at all bases. That does not necessarily mean you have to slide, but have to avoid contact with the field player. You cannot plow through someone or go out of the baseline. Please discuss prior to the game with the other coach if you have any questions. The goal is for no one to get hurt!

16. Roster will be due at the conclusion of the last regular season game. Rosters and scorebooks should be dropped off at Third Base Pub after your last game. **Each Male must play 7 of 13 games; females must play 4 of 13 games.** At least 1 inning in the field and 1 at bat will be counted as a game played.

17. Each team can only miss 2 games to be eligible for tournament play. Forfeits count for the winning team and each player on that team gets counted for the game, but not the team that is forfeiting the game. If a team forfeits 3 games, they will be kicked out of the league for the remaining of the season and be required to pay a refundable \$100 new team fee if they want to join the league next season.

18. Any new team that joins the league will be required to pay a refundable \$100 team fee. If the team does not forfeit *more than 2 games*, they will receive their \$100 fee back at the end of the season.

19. Both teams must maintain a scorebook. Each team must sign the other team's book for verification at the end of the game. Be sure to date the book and identify each team name. The scorebook lineup must match the final tournament roster to determine eligibility. Scorebooks will be provided by the league and must be used.

20. All re-scheduled/rainout games MUST be made up within 2 weeks of the original game date.

- Rain – both teams must show up for all games unless team captains agree to cancel prior to game time.
- Interrupted Games – (rain or darkness)
  - i. 5 innings is a complete game
  - ii. New Players can be added to the bottom of the roster or substituted in for missing players.
- If game is cancelled, please notify Jason no later than the end of that week with a makeup date and he will assign you a field for that date. **You cannot assume that a field is available and show up for the game.**
- Rescheduled Games due to schedule conflict: If a team reschedules a game and it is postponed more than two times, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> makeup game is not played (other than rain out), the team will forfeit.

21. All teams are responsible for obtaining a local field.

22. If a person (he/she) were to get surgery or have a broken bone during or before the regular season, the manager of his/her team must be notified immediately. Once the team manager is notified, they must then let the League Chairman know immediately. Once the League Chairman gets the doctor's note from that player stating he/she is cleared and able to play, then that person has to make one game over half of the games left of the regular season. For example: If he/she is able to play with ten games remaining in the regular season, he/she must make at least six out of the ten games in order to be eligible for the playoffs.

23. If a team drops out of the league before halfway of the regular season, then their games do not count against any team. If it's one over half or more of the regular season then their games will count against the teams they played.

24. If the league were to lose a field because a team was not obeying the field rules, then that team will be kicked out of the league for the remainder of the season.

25. Playoff Tiebreakers for seeding: 1<sup>st</sup> Tiebreaker is head to head, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie breaker is who has less Runs Against as a team, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker is who has the most Runs For as a team.

26. All guys must ONLY use the league bats. Women are allowed to use any bat but must be ASA certified. If a guy steps in the batter's box with a bat not supplied by the league and the ball is either swung at or not, it is an automatic OUT!

27. If a teammate INTENTIONALLY breaks or dents the league bat, that team must pay for a new one. If the bat is ACCIDENTALLY broken or dented during play please let the League Chairman know immediately and that team will not be held accountable.

28. The HOME team for each game is required to pick up the two league bats the day of the game at either Third Base Pub or Greeks Bar. One Easton B4 and one Easton L3. Once the game is over you must return the bat back to the same bar you grabbed them from that night.

**Thank you for your cooperation in enforcing the rules outlined above. Field Rules**

29. Any pitch that is bowled up to the plate is an automatic balk.

# No ALCOHOL/SMOKING<sub>a</sub>

t any of the fields.

30. ANY GARBAGE LEFT ON ANY FIELD WHETHER IT BE ALCOHOL OR NOT WILL RESULT IN

1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE: THAT TEAM WILL LOSE THAT FIELD PRIVILEGE FOR THE DURATION OF THE REGULAR SEASON

2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE: THAT TEAM FOREITING THEIR SEASON (NO REFUNDS ON POTENTIAL REFUNDABLE DUES)

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Absolutely NO SMOKING at ANY of the fields!

Frankford Field:

- The rocks that outline the parking lot area will act as an invisible fence. If a ball hits the rock and bounces back into fair play, the ball will be played live (just like bouncing off of a fence). If the ball lands beyond the rock wall and directly in the parking lot area, it is a

homerun. If the ball rolls into the parking lot area, it's an automatic dead ball and two bases will be awarded. You can't catch the ball in the air in the parking lot area (We don't want people trying to weave in and out of the rocks to catch the ball and getting hurt).

Branchville Field:

- If the ball hits the tree in Right Field, it is an automatic dead ball. No ball or strike is awarded.

Newton High School Field:

- Only games involving Thor Labs may play because they provided insurance. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Paulinskill Lake Field:

- First ball of each half inning to clear the fence on the fly is a home run. Any subsequent ball that clears the fence in that same half inning is an automatic double to prevent too high of scoring.

Paulinskill Field - If 2 Home Runs are hit in one inning a 3rd home run would result in a out for the batting team (this was decided to keep batters keeping the ball in the field in one inning)