

2023 12 North Sports Bar Men's Softball Rules

ALL GAMES MUST BE PLAYED USING ASA RULES UNLESS MODIFIED BELOW

Team Entry Fee

Fee must be paid prior to first game or you will forfeit games until paid in full
Early Bird Pricing: *Full payment must be paid before early-bird pricing ends or
Regular Full Price is due, even if signed-up during early-bird pricing window.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Any player that brings in their own alcoholic beverages onto 12 North property (including drinking in the parking lot) will be ejected from the league.
2. No pets are allowed on 12 North property for safety reasons.
3. No coolers are allowed on the property

YEAR END PAYOUTS:

***No payouts for Fall Ball*

\$25.00 per team will go into a pool to be paid out, per night and for the finals. The winner of each night(regular season standing) will be awarded the pot, based on the number of teams registered each night . Also, \$300.00 for the 1st place playoff winner and \$150.00 for the second place in the final tournament.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

1. All players and subs must be 18 years and older
2. A completed player eligibility list (roster) must be submitted online by each team prior to the start of the season. A maximum of 20 players.
3. The roster may be changed up until thru week 7 and all rosters are responsible of the team captains to maintain through the 12 North website (what you set up in the beginning of the season to register your team).
After week 7 no changes can be made....any team that protests player eligibility must look onto the other teams roster list on the website.
4. Any team permitting a player to participate under an assumed name or address, or using an ineligible player must forfeit all games in which said player participated in under that assumed name.
5. If a player is ejected from a game, he will be ineligible to play his teams' next scheduled game.

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6. Any player who physically assaults a member of the opposing team or an umpire shall be expelled from the league for a minimum of 1 year from the time of the incident.
7. Any player who verbally assaults any member of the opposing team or umpire may be suspended from the league upon review. Any player that uses unsportsmanlike tactics (particularly conduct) will be liable to expulsion from the game, and if guilty a second time will be given a mandatory 2 game suspension.
8. A player must be on the active roster in order to be eligible for the playoffs.
9. No player shall be allowed to play on more than one team per night or be on 2 rosters from the same night.
10. IF A PLAYER IS ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, THE PLAYER MUST CHOOSE WHICH TEAM THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY WITH BEFORE THE 1ST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS.
11. ALL PLAYERS WILL SIGN IN BEFORE THE 1ST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS AND MUST BE ACTIVE ON THE ROSTER OF THAT TEAM.

GAMES:

1. All teams will be allowed a grace period of 15 minutes from game time. If the team does not have 9 or more players at this point, that team will have to forfeit. Games must start if the team has 9 players.
2. Games will only be called if there are EXTREME weather conditions...please check social media sites linked to 12 North or call 732-9039 after 4:30 to update. We will do our best to text team captains in advance.
3. Playing with 9 players:
If you start the game with 9 players, the 10th player must enter the game as soon as he arrives. Games that start with 10 can continue with 9, only if a player was injured. All games must finish with the same number of players it started with (except injury) or the game will be forfeited. A team can not play with anything less than 9 players.
4. Before starting a game, each team must put an official line-up in the scorebook and make any changes during the game. The umpire will sign the scorebook and return it to the bartender at the conclusion of the game.
5. The team last mentioned on the schedule will be the home team for the first game.
6. The home team will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper for that game.

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7. Five full innings (4 and one half innings if home team is ahead) shall constitute an official game in the regular season.
8. Any game called before it becomes official or any game tied that is called after 5 innings MUST be played in its entirety.
9. A team deliberately forfeiting any 2 nights will lose its rights as a member of the league. All of its scheduled remaining games will be counted as forfeits.
NO REFUNDS
10. Teams may use the DH and EH.... See Rule 12
11. EXTRA HITTER: The EH is an eleventh player batting anywhere in the batting order. The EH is NOT to be used as the DH. The EH can be inserted into the lineup if there is an injury but the injured player can not be inserted back in the game. The EH can not replace an ejected player.
12. There is no re-entry rule.
13. Pitching: Arc is now 6ft-10ft ASA Rule
14. Courtesy Runner: You may use anyone as a courtesy runner, but if the courtesy runner comes up to bat while on base, that person or batter is out.
****NEW****You may only run for 1 player each game.
15. No courtesy foul after two strikes.
16. HOMERUN RULE: ****NEW****5 home runs max per game plus 1 up.
17. Catchers mask is optional
18. MERCY RULE: 15 runs after 5 innings
19. Play is at your own risk. Injuries must be reported inside 12 North and documented on an injury report form.
20. Make up games will be scheduled at notice, not necessarily on your night played
21. *The no contact rule is not enforced at 12 North
22. ****NEW 2023 RULE**** Start with a 1-1 count pitch - no courtesy foul after 2nd strike

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:

1. No metal spikes in cleats
2. No tank tops, jeans and all hats must be worn with the brim forward.
3. No dangerous jewelry to be worn (sharp objects, etc). If umpire deems it dangerous it needs to come off)
4. BATS: ALUMINUM or COMPOSITE
****All bats must be ASA Approved and All Composite Bats must have a 2016**

MUNY league sticker

Please see list of 2016 non approved bats per ASA

Steel is allowed, no stamps from the ASA are needed. No shaved bats.

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PROTEST GAMES:

1. Appeals and disputes involving official rulings must be made to the umpire on the field at the time of the occurrence. If the game continues to be played under protest, a written protest must be submitted and filed with a 12 North representative within 1 hour of the end of the game. A \$25 fee must accompany the protest.
 2. Protest of the eligibility of a player must be made prior to the end of the game to the umpire of that game. Again, the protest must be put in writing to a representative of 12 North and a \$25 fee must accompany it.
- ** the fee is refunded if protest is sustained, the fee is kept if rejected**

BLOOD RULE:

1. Any person with blood on his person or clothing must leave the game until the bleeding stops and clothing is changed or cleaned, then may re-enter per umpire.
2. Any extra eligible player can substitute for the injured player.
3. Substitute may re-enter the game, however if there is no sub the team must play with 9 players.
4. Game will be forfeited if the team is playing with 9 players to start and the game is stopped over 15 minutes.

PLAYOFFS:

SEEDING:

1. Tie breaker for seeding purposes
2. TEAM TIE:
Head to head runs scored, if still tied
Total runs scored for the night, if still tied
Playoff Game
Scores on website are official: if you don't question them when posted don't ask for a correction at the end of the year
3. TEAM TIE OVER 2 TEAMS:
Head to head record, if still tied (if 1 team has a better record they get 1st place the other teams move on for the next seed)

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MERCY RULE FOR PLAYOFFS:

1. First round: 15 after 5 innings

AFTER FIRST ROUND THERE IS NO MERCY RULE

2. Semi-Finals and Finals of the playoffs must be 7 complete innings. If the game is called it will resume from the point of stoppage.
3. All playoff games will be 3- PITCH. Each at bat begins with 2 balls and 1 strike
4. Due to several complaints in the past we will no longer "work around" the MUNY city playoffs. Please set your 20 man roster accordingly to prepare
5. Top 6 teams from each night advance to the post season play!!!