

BYSL 2021 ADULT SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear Team Manager,

On behalf of the City of Sealy, we would like to welcome you as a participant in our 2021 Battle of the Bats Softball Tournament, benefiting the Brookshire Youth Sports League.

Please read the rule book at your first opportunity to familiarize yourself with our Tournament rules and regulations.

Again, welcome to our program. Wishing you and your team a very enjoyable and successful Tournament.

ROSTER INFORMATION

All teams must submit rosters no later than 30 mins before the first game. Team rosters must include first and last names of all players. Teams are allowed to have a maximum of 16 players (this is including any subs).

Team rosters will be final when turned in.

Player's full names must appear on the registration roster on file with the team. A substitute or replacement player must come from the dugout, not from the stands or spectators' area.

Umpires will not decide the player(s) eligibility.

Penalty: If a protest is lodged against any offended team and it is verified by staff, a forfeit of the game shall be declared for incomplete roster or ineligible player.

Rosters limited to 16 players. Final rosters submitted prior to first game.

TEAM NAME

Team names are subject to approval by staff. Inappropriate and vulgar names are not accepted and may be modified.

LENGTH OF OFFICIAL GAMES

Slow Pitch: Seven (7) innings or fifty-five (55) minutes whichever occurs first, constitutes as a game. In case of rain, light failure, etc. the completion of thirty (30) minutes constitutes as a completed game. The fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after three (3) innings, or ten (10) run rule after five (5) innings. Walks are issued. Stealing bases is prohibited.

OFFICIAL TIME

The watch of the umpires will be considered the official time clock for all games. In the event neither umpire has a watch, someone selected by the umpires will act as the official timer. Team managers are urged to synchronize their watches with the umpires prior to the start of every game. The clock will start when the umpire calls play ball after the coin toss. In addition, the Team Manager should get the umpires name during pre-game.

SCHEDULES

Schedules (brackets) will be emailed to the Team Manager the Wednesday prior to the Tournament start date. It will be the Team Managers responsibility to make sure each team member has their schedules (brackets).

FORFEIT TIME

Any team not ready to play at game time will forfeit to the opposing team. Teams must be in dugout or on the field at game time to be considered present and ready to play.

Teams must have 9 players present in dugout or on the field at the start of the first game.

RAINOUT INFORMATION

Team managers will be contacted via email or call about any changes in the game schedule due to weather.

PLAYER CONDUCT

Team managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans, before, during, and after all games. Harassment of officials, players, and staff will not be tolerated at any time.

Continued harassment may result in player and/or team being suspended from the tournament with no refund.

Fighting will not be tolerated. If a player or team is suspended for fighting or exhibits unruly / inappropriate conduct at any time during the tournament, no refund will be given, regardless how many games remain.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is NOT PROMITTED ON THE FIELD AT ANY TIME.

Glass bottles are prohibited. Alcohol is also prohibited from the dugouts.

PLAYER INJURIES

The City of Sealy & BYSL are NOT responsible for any injuries to any participants in the tournament. All participants are playing at their own risk. All players should be aware that softball can be a

hazardous activity and by voluntarily participating in this activity, there are numerous dangers and risks involved.

GENERAL RULES

A: OFFICIAL RULES:

Games will be played in accordance with official ASA Championship Rules and Regulations.

B: EQUIPMENT:

OFFICIAL BAT: Players must use bats which meet all requirements of ASA, which bear an ASA approved stamp. The umpire has sole discretion to remove any bat they deem is unsafe for play by rule.

OFFICIAL SOFTBALL:

MENS: .52 Cor/300 compression

12"

Yellow Optic Cover/Red Stitch

Green ASA Logo

WOMENS: .44 Cor/375 compression

11"

Yellow Optic Cover/Red Stitch

Black ASA Logo

C: UNIFORMS:

For tournament play, uniforms are not required. Exposed jewelry, which is judged by umpire to be dangerous, must be removed and may not be worn during the game. Steel or metal cleats are NOT allowed. Any player found wearing metal cleats will be ejected from game.

D: PLAYERS:

All players must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the

BYSL Softball Tournament with the City of Sealy. Valid identification may be required to verify age of participants.

POSITIONING:

Teams must have 9 players present in the dugout

There will be no restrictions on a player (man or woman) as to which defensive position he or she may play.

Courtesy Foul

All batters (men and women) begin with a 1 & 1 count (one ball and one strike) before they enter the batter's box. One extra foul on the 3rd strike will be allowed. The 2nd foul is an out.

(Example: Batter begins with 1 ball and 1 strike count they foul off 2 pitches the next foul is an out).

COURTESY RUNNER

Any eligible player on the official lineup may be used as a Courtesy runner. Only one courtesy runner may be used per inning.

HOMERUN RULE:

Each team will have one (1) homerun allowed per game. UNLIMITED HOME RUN WRIST BANDS can be purchased for \$20 each per day, per player. Any homeruns after the first homerun of the game hit by that team member without a wristband will result in batter taking an out. There is not a limit on the number of wristbands that can be purchased per team. The wristbands must be purchased before the start of any game.

Homerun – touch 1st base only!

TIE BREAKER

After the final inning of a game, if the score is tied, there is a Texas shoot out. The last out made for the hitting team goes to 2nd base. Each batter starts with a full count, so they get one pitch. They either strike out, walk or hit. Once three outs are made, the other team bats under the same rules.

HOME TEAM DESIGNATION

The home team designation will be determined by the flip of a coin. Umpire fees are \$15 per game, per team, and are due at the of the coin flip. The home team will be responsible for the official score and keeping up with substitutes. An official scorebook is required. If neither team has a scorebook and a conflict in the score occurs, the home team's score will be final. If only one (1) team, even if it is the visitors, has a scorebook and a conflict occurs, then that scorebook will be valid. Please check with the umpires and opponents after each inning about the number of runs scored.

PROTESTS

Only protests based on misinterpretations of the rules and player eligibility will be accepted. Protests must be announced verbally to the umpire immediately when the contested action occurs and before play is resumed.