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****DRAFT** 2020 CO-ED LEAGUE RULES**

1. **SIGNING OF PLAYERS/TEAM CONDUCT**
 - A. EACH TEAM MANAGER MUST SUBMIT A LIABILITY RELEASE/CONTRACT FORM SIGNED BY EACH MEMBER OF HIS/HER TEAM, PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME OF EACH SEASON. WITHOUT THIS SIGNED FORM, A PLAYER IS INELIGIBLE AND A TEAM MUST FORFEIT. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF CITY HALL IN JAMESTOWN.
 - B. ALL PLAYERS MUST SIGN A WAIVER/ROSTER FORM. Waivers/Roster must be filed in the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Office no later than June 5, 2020 at 4:30pm. Number of signed players is unlimited. No changes can be made on rosters **once play-offs begin.**
 - C. Minimum age: 15 years (must play outfield)
 - D. Abusive and/or vulgar language **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** The umpire will give the manager of the team a verbal warning concerning the incident. Should it happen again, the player will be ejected from the game immediately and will be ineligible to play until a \$50.00 fine is paid to the Parks and Recreation Department. A player who is ejected also will sit out the week for all city softball league games. Should this player be involved in another incident, he/she will be ejected from the League.
 - E. According to City code, **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed in any City Park. While this law is hard to patrol, it will be strictly enforced during the ball games. Any member of a team caught possessing or consuming alcohol in a City Park will result in the dismissal of that team member from the league for the season and a fine of \$50.00 to be paid directly to the Parks & Recreation Office. In addition, in the instance where a playing team member is ejected for possessing alcohol, the game will be terminated and the involved player's team will lose by forfeit. The 2nd infraction by a member of that team will result in the dismissal of the entire team from the league and a fine of \$50.00.
 - F. **According to City Code, NO SMOKING, use of tobacco products, or e-cigarettes may be used in any City Park.** Those ticketed for this offense will face a \$50 fine for a first-time offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$250 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition, any tobacco-related materials may be seized or disposed.
 - G. Any member of a team who is ejected must immediately leave the City Park upon the umpire making the ejection call.
 - H. Any member of a team who is involved in a fight will be suspended for the season and fined \$75.00. It is recommended that any fight is immediately reported to Jamestown Police at 483-7593 or by calling 9-1-1.
 - I. Appeals: An Appeals Committee will be made available to those wishing to appeal disciplinary rulings. This committee will include the Acting Parks Director,

Recreation Coordinator, the League President, the Assigning Umpire and the City Coordinator Umpire. The player in question will be allowed to bring 1 witness/supporter to the hearing and written/signed letters of support from other witnesses. The accusing side may present 1 witness and written/signed letters by other witnesses. A decision will be made within 24 hours of the Appeals Hearing and mailed to the Team Manager of the affected player.

2. PLAYERS

A. Slow Pitch Rules

- B. Playing team: 5 females, 5 males EXCEPT: A team may start with 9 players without a forfeit being called (a mix of 5 and 4 with the 10th player being an automatic out). There should be 2 females and 2 males in the outfield, 2 females and 2 males in the infield, with pitcher and catcher being either male/female or female/male.
- C. Batting order: Alternate between female and male starting with either one. If you walk a male, the next female has the option of batting or walking.
- D. Designated Runner can be used 3 times per game for the last out of the inning (male runs for male and female runs for female) unless there is actually an injured player.
- E. Designated Hitter: Teams may use a designated hitter and the person who isn't hitting may play in the field. The DH combo has to be female/female or male/male.
- F. Only when female bats, outfield players must play behind the 180 ft. marker, until the ball is hit (with 4 outfielders at all times).
- G. No Bunting – No Stealing – No Metal Spikes
- H. Commitment Line Rule: Once a runner passes the Commitment Line (30 feet between Third Base and Home Plate), the runner has to commit to running Home. All plays at Home Plate are a forced out if the player returns toward Third Base after crossing the line. The catcher simply has to touch home plate once a player crosses that line between Third and Home. NO sliding. This rule is to avoid any collisions at Home Plate.
- I. 10 Run Rule is in effect after 5 complete innings.
- J. Game starts at 6:30pm with no leeway.

3. FORFEITURES

- A. A team that is scheduled must be on the assigned field, in full playing strength and ready to play at 6:30pm with no leeway.
- B. If a team is unable to play a regularly scheduled game, 24 hours notice **must BE GIVEN** by contacting the other team **AND the Assigning Umpire**.

4. FEES

- A. The entry fee of **\$355.00** will be used for the operation of the League and includes a user fee, trophies, and umpire fees for the season and single-elimination play-offs.
- B. The deadline for entry fees is **Thursday, April 2, 2020**. Money received after that date will be assessed a **\$50.00 late fee**.
- C. No refunds shall be made to any team once the playing season starts.

5. PROTESTS

- D. If a team desires to protest (this includes ineligible players), the protest must be filed in writing in the City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Office not later than 48 hours following the completion of the game, and also with the umpire before play resumes. Umpires shall also mark the scorebook.

- E. The protest fee shall be \$5.00 and if the decision is won by the team entering the protest, the fee shall be returned.
- F. A competent board of three (3) experienced people shall be appointed by the Parks and Recreation Office to serve as the Protest Committee.
- G. Umpire complaints should be submitted in writing to:

Bo Bello
719 Harding Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

6. GAME LIMITATIONS

- A. A game may be called by the umpire in case of rain, darkness, etc. Games also may be canceled in advance of the game by the Parks Department due to field conditions or unsafe weather conditions.

7. BATS

- A. Composite bats, including “half and half” bats, are now prohibited in all City softball leagues. Aluminum bats (aluminum alloy included) are the bats now sanctioned by the City for use in City Softball Leagues. The bats must be clearly marked and ASA stamped. In addition, the Mizuno Techfire Crush 2004 ("Orange Crush") and the Easton CV12 SCR1 Slow Pitch Softball bat are not allowed per manufacturer’s confirmation that the bats contain composite materials. Anyone found using a composite bat during a game will be tossed from and suspended for balance of weekend. A \$25.00 fine must be paid to the City Parks and Recreation Office before player can play again in any City league.

8. BALLS

- A. Each team must supply a new (almost new) softball for each game. Official balls must be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office at a cost of \$46.00 per dozen (\$23.00 half dozen).

9. UMPIRES

- A. One umpire will be assigned to each game at \$32.00 per game.
- B. If there is no umpire at the game, wait 15 minutes and find someone in the stands to ump the game and start game at 6:30 p.m. Call Julia at Recreation Office (483-7523) the next morning. (fill-in umpire will be paid at end of season)

10. PLAY-OFFS

- A. All teams – Single Elimination. Players must have played in 1 regular season game to be eligible for the playoffs. There is NO 10 run rule in final game of playoffs.
- B. Any member of a team who is ejected from a Play-Off game will be fined \$50.00, which must be paid directly to the Parks & Recreation Office, and must sit out the first week of games that take place the following season.