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****DRAFT** 2020 WOMEN'S SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY RULES**

These rules are set up for the purpose of giving equal opportunities to all and to furnish certain standards of play. Your ability and sportsmanship will be reflected in the way you observe these rules.

1. SIGNING OF PLAYERS/TEAM CONDUCT

- A. Team managers **must** sign a Code of Conduct.
- B. ****NOTE** 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 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 EAST THIRD STREET IN JAMESTOWN AND ONLINE AT JAMESTOWNNY.NET.**
- C. All players in this League shall be signed on two waiver forms, one of which will be kept the team manager and the other must be filed in the City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Office. **Players under 18 years must include birth date AND have parent's signature.**
- D. Waivers/rosters must be filed in the City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Office before **May 22, 2020** at 4:30 p.m. **THIS IS A MUST.**
- E. All changes must be made on the waivers filed in the City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Office, teams failing to comply do so at the risk of playing with ineligible players and shall forfeit all games in which unsigned players participated.
- F. Each team's roster is limited to 25 players.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.

- I. **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.
- J. Any member of a team who is ejected must immediately leave the City Park upon the umpire making the ejection call.
- K. 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.
- L. 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. The Official Slow Pitch Softball Rules will govern all league play, unless superseded by a local rule.
- B. A team may consist of twenty-five (25) players. All players must be 14 years of age or older, if not 16, they must play in the outfield.
- C. A playing team shall consist of ten (10) players.
- D. A team may start a game with nine (9) players, without a forfeit being called.
- E. Players must wear shoes. Rubber spiked shoes are allowed; no steel spikes.
- F. Base stealing NOT allowed.
- G. Lead-offs not allowed.
- H. All starting players, including the pitcher, may re-enter the game once, but must resume in their original batting position.
- I. Designated Player Option - Each manager will declare before the game, if they are going to use a D.P. The Designated Player may hit for any ONE player who is in the starting lineup. She may continue to bat in that position for the entire game, even if the player she is batting for is removed from the game.
- J. EXTRA PLAYER OPTION: You may choose to bat 11 players and any 10 may play defense. Tell the umpire before the game if you choose this option. NOTE: Any time a player is ejected and there is no available substitute, the game is forfeited.
- K. You may use EITHER the Designated Player Option or the Extra Player Option, but NOT BOTH IN THE SAME GAME.
- L. THE DESIGNATED PINCH RUNNER must be named prior to each game. She will cease to be the pinch runner once she enters the game permanently. She may not be included in the batting lineup if you are using the option of batting all players rule. She may be entered into the game however, but at that time she

- ceases to be a pinch runner and he must be entered at the bottom of the lineup.
- M. DESIGNATED HITTER – Teams may use a designated hitter and extra hitter.
 - N. The OPTION RULE OF BATTING ALL PLAYERS WHO DRESS FOR THE GAME means that you may bat all players who dress for the game. A team can choose not to play all players on the roster. If a manager notifies the opposing manager and the umpire that a player is hurt and cannot play, she does not have to include that player in the lineup, but she must understand that that player may not play in that particular game under any circumstance.
 - O. The re-entry rule is in effect at all times and applies to everyone except the designated runner.
 - P. Courtesy runner is allowed if agreeable to both teams (must use last out)
 - Q. No jewelry allowed, with the exception of wedding bands and earring posts.
 - R. Runners MUST avoid contact by sliding on all close plays at bases and home plate.

3. **FORFEITURES**

- A. A team that is scheduled must be on the assigned field, in full playing strength and ready to play, not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time.
- B. A team shall consist of ten (10) players. A team may start with nine (9) players without a forfeit; player #10 may be added upon arrival at bottom of order. They must also finish the game with at least nine (9) players.
- C. If a team plays a game with an ineligible player, the game shall be declared a forfeit.
- D. The score of forfeited game shall be 7 to 0.

4. **FEES**

- A. The entry fee of \$345 will cover your team's user fee, umpire fees, officials during play-offs, and a scorebook.
- A. The deadline for entry fees is **Thursday, April 2, 2020**. Money received after that date will be assessed a **\$50.00 late fee**.
- B. No refunds shall be made to any team once the playing season starts.

5. **PROTESTS**

- A. If a team desires to protest, the protest must be filed in writing with 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.
- B. The protest fee shall be \$5.00, and if the team entering the protest wins the decision, the fee shall be returned.
- C. A competent board of experienced people shall be appointed by the League President to serve as the Protest Committee.
- D. Umpire complaints should be submitted in writing to:

Bo Bello	Don Peterson
719 Harding Avenue	11 Peterson Street
Jamestown, NY 14701	Jamestown, NY 14701

6. **GAME LIMITATIONS**

- A. A game shall consist of seven (7) innings, with the 10 run rule in effect after 5 innings losing team guaranteed 5 times at bat.
- B. 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.
- C. All games will begin NO LATER THAN 6:30 P.M. with NO 15 minute leeway. If both teams agree, games can start earlier if both teams have enough players.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**

- A. There shall be no postponements unless caused by an Act of God. (rain)
- B. Postponed games (because of rain) must be decided upon by the managers of the teams involved and the umpire at the playing field. If the game has started, only the umpire shall decide. If a game must be called after it has started, the umpires will be paid in full again when game is rescheduled by the two teams involved.

8. **BALLS**

- A. Each team shall furnish one new ball for each game. These balls must be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office at a cost of \$46.00 per dozen (\$23.00 half dozen).

9. **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.
- B. Anyone caught using a composite bat (illegal bat) during a game will result in that player's team forfeiting that game and any of games for that day in addition to forfeiting the next week's games. The team is responsible for paying the full umpire fees for all games forfeited. The second time a player on a team is caught using an illegal bat will results in that team being ejected from the league for the remainder of the season.

10. **UMPIRES**

- A. Umpires from the Softball Umpires Association will be assigned, one per game. Two umpires will be used for the finals in the play-offs (these umpire fees are included in your entry fee)

11. **PLAY-OFFS**

- A. Playoffs will be as noted on schedule.
- B. To be eligible for play-offs, a player must play in at least 3 games.
- C. Tie breaker rule for position in play-offs:
- D. Heads on competition (won-loss)
- E. Total run differential between teams tied

F. 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.

11. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The home team scorebook shall be the official one.
- B. Trophies shall be awarded to League Champions and Runner-Up, and the Play-Off Champion and Runner-Up.
- C. The manager of the winning team shall call the news media with game results.