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2010 ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ASA rules will govern all league play with the following exceptions:

1. Maximum of twenty (25) players will be allowed on a roster. Once a player participates in a game for a team in the same league, he/she will be ineligible to participate in a game for any other team within the Hanahan League. Rosters must be turned in along with a \$30.00 per player fee by March 5th. Failure to do so could not allow your team a space in the league. Season will begin the second weekend of March.

2. Awards:

First Place: League Champion team trophy and t-shirts

Second Place: Team trophy only

Tournament: Championship Team --- trophy and t-shirts
Runner-Up Team --- trophy only

In the event there is a tie for first place the tie will be broken by head to head competition, if the teams are still tied a one game playoff will be scheduled.

3. Time Limit: One (1) hour. Scorekeeper will keep official time.

4. Grace Period: Game time is forfeit time. **EXCEPTION FOR THE 7PM GAMES IN THE MENS/CHURCH LEAGUES WILL HAVE A 10 MINUTE GRACE PERIOD BUT THE TIME WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE HOUR TIME LIMIT.** A \$25 per game forfeit fee is to be paid to the Hanahan Recreation and Parks Department before the next game (typically one week) is played. Any team forfeiting three (3) games overall will be dismissed from the league with no refund. Exception 1: If a team cannot field 10 players by game time, they may play with nine (9) players. The tenth batting spot is not an out. If the player arrives after the start of the game, they may be placed in the line-up in any defensive position, but must bat in the tenth position.

5. Protest Games:

- A. Head coach only: Will pay \$25.00 protest fee, payable at time the official is notified and protest is entered in scorebook.
- B. Turn in written protest to Recreation and Parks Department within 24 hours with fee to be paid to a Recreation and Parks Official.
- C. Recreation and Parks Department will decide on all protest.
- D. If protest is upheld, fee will be refunded, if not fee will be forfeited.

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- E. All protest games will be played from point of protest.
- F. There will be no protest on judgment calls.

6. Any harassing of officials could result in forfeiture of game. This will not be tolerated. The head coach is responsible for the conduct of their team and their spectators before, during and after all games.
7. **No one is allowed in the dugout other than players and coaches. No children are allowed in dugout or on the field.**
8. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks Facilities are alcohol, tobacco and drug free. Anyone violating this rule will be dismissed from the program with no money being refunded.
9. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a space in our league and is due by February 19th.
10. Entry fee and balance is due by March 5th. Rosters are lock after the first pitch, of your first game.
11. Reservations for field practice must be done by calling the Recreation and Parks Department office after paying your \$50.00 deposit. Reservations are made beginning on Fridays for the following week (Monday- Sunday). One practice during week days (Monday-Thursday) and one practice without lights on the Weekends (Saturday-Sunday).
12. Every team must have matching shirts before the first game with matching names on the front and a number on the back. The shirts must be alike in style and color. Penalty for not having matching shirts will be forfeiture.
13. In case of inclement weather, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 266-0723 ext. 2. Or you may register at www.rainedout.com to receive text messages or emails notifying you of rain outs.

NOTE: In the event a game is cancelled, it is the coach's responsibility to call to get the rescheduled game date and time. If there is a problem with the recording or you have questions please call 266-0723

14. Teams will supply their own **.44 core** or under **ASA** stamped softball.
AMENDED RULE: For 2010 Spring, a pitch may have the max arc of 12ft.
15. Any bats that are in question can be found on the **ASA WEB SITE**. Please use this web site to get a listing of all illegal bats.
16. Use of an ineligible player will result in a forfeit. In addition the player and coach will be suspended from the program for one (1) year.

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NOTE: Anyone can call this to the attention of the Athletic Supervisor, a game official or a league representative. If protested, the Athletic Supervisor may ask any player to present a picture I.D. Failure to provide such a request will result in a forfeit.

17. Any manager, player or coach guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after a game while on the premises will be suspended for a period of time commensurate with the severity of the infraction. For example, a flagrant infraction such as fighting or threatening of bodily harm may be justified for removing the individual from the program indefinitely. Also, please refrain from using profanity.
18. Each player must have some type of medical insurance. All players will play at their own risk. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks staff or officials are not responsible for any injury which may occur during normal play.
19. In the event of injury to any player, the coach in charge will be responsible for seeing that the injured player has adequate transportation to the nearest doctor or hospital. Accidents must be reported to the Recreation and Parks Department as soon as possible.
20. Managers, players and coaches will meet on the playing field prior to each game for the invocation. A representative from the home team will lead the invocation. At the conclusion of each game teams must meet on the playing field to extend congratulations.
21. Line-ups will be turned into the official scorekeeper with the last name and number of each player listed in the batting order. Any other way will not be accepted. The line-up should be turned in 15 minutes before scheduled game time. All substitutions should be reported to the official scorekeeper.
22. All adult softball leagues will have a 10 run rule after five (5) innings, 15 run rule after four (4) innings and 20 run rule after three (3) innings.
23. Age requirements: Players must be at least 18 years of age as of April 1st of the current year. **EXCEPTION:** A team will be allowed to have up to two (2) players aged 16-18 years old. These players must have a parental consent form signed on file with the Recreation and Parks Department.
24. Eligibility for tournament: A player must have participated in at least six (6) games to be eligible for tournament play. Exception: A player which was injured during the season and backed with a written statement from a doctor could be eligible for the tournament. The player must have been on the original roster before the season starts.
25. **IF CHURCH TEAM:** **All players must be members or regular attendees** of the church to participate in this league. Any church member of one church in our league may not play for another church team in the same division.
26. **Home Run Rule:** No team can hit more than one (1) homerun than the other team has hit. Example: Visiting team has hit one homerun over the fence and in the bottom of the

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inning the home team hits a homerun over the fence. Either team can hit the next homerun. In other words, the home team could hit two homeruns in one inning as long as they don't have over one (1) more than the opposing team. All others will be an out.

27. **Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner will be permitted one (1) time per inning. The runner must be the player which made the last out. All other runners will be considered as a substitute. In the event a player is injured and all substitutes have been used the opposing team may select a courtesy runner. The courtesy runner must be reported to the officials and the opposing team.
28. **Tournament Play:** A post season double elimination tournament will begin at the conclusion of the regular season. All teams will be seeded according to their finish in the regular season. Regular season rules will apply. In the championship game there will no time limit and no run rule in affect.
29. **Batting Order:** A team batting order may consist of up to 12 players. (2 designated hitters).
30. The Recreation and Parks Department reserve the right to amend any rules if it is deemed necessary to improve the league. This also applies during the season.
31. No metal cleats allowed.
32. Although ASA rules allow stealing, there will be **no** stealing in the HRPD league.
33. The City of Hanahan Recreation and Parks department is not responsible for any lost or stolen items on our complex grounds.
34. Parking at the complex, is "park at your own risk." (Foul balls, over thrown balls, etc).

CONTACT

Rain Hotline - 266-0723 ext. 2
www.rainedout.com (for cancelled games)
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