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ORANGETOWN CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Game times will be at 6:30pm, with forfeit time at 6:45pm and 8:00pm, with forfeit time at 8:15pm, and eight players must be fielded. At Veteran's Park no inning may start after 8:15pm for the 6:30pm game and 10:00pm (not including playoffs) for the 8:00pm game. For early season games scheduled at 6:15pm, forfeit time is 6:30pm. If eight players are present at game time play must begin. When early games begin at 6:45pm no inning may start after 8:15pm. The second game start time becomes 8:15pm and no inning may start after 10:15pm.
2. If a team is winning by more than 15 runs after five complete innings, the game is over. After 4 innings, if the home team is losing they must have last at bat.
3. The international tie breaking rule will take effect at the beginning of the eight inning.
4. If for some reason the umpire scheduled for the game does not show, you may conduct the game with a volunteer umpire, if both teams agree.
- 5.. Home team must provide the bases for games not played on Veteran's Memorial Field or Kennedy Reedy Field. Bases may be borrowed from the recreation office at Veteran's Park if necessary. Bases must be returned after the game.
6. All players bat and can go into the field at any time.
7. Batting order must alternate (male-female).
8. Team must field 8 players for game to proceed. A maximum of five males is permitted. No limit on number of women.
9. Pitching- pitches must have a minimum of a 2ft arc from point of release. A pitch will be considered illegal if the arc is over the batters head.
10. A walk on the first 4 pitches will result in award of 2 bases to the batter.
11. Male and female players may not change positions on defense after the start of an inning.
12. Courtesy runners permitted. No limit. Male for male; Female for female. This may not be done on a situational basis and the courtesy runner must be the last batted out.
13. It is not an out if a player must leave the game unless the player is ejected.
14. **Illegal Bat Rule** – Use of an illegal bat will result in the following:
 1. **GAME WILL BE FORFEITED AT THE TIME OF INFRACTION.** If it cannot be determined if the bat is legal during play, the umpire has been instructed to remove the bat from the game until legality can be determined. **WHEN IN DOUBT, TAKE IT OUT.**
 2. Bat owner and team representative will be suspended for one game.
15. No metal spikes. Players wearing metal spikes will be ejected.
17. National Division Only - Outfielders cannot be within 50' of the infield.

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18. All Co-ed Divisions – no more than 2 foul balls will be permitted after a batter has received a second strike. The third foul ball after the second strike will result in the batter being called out.

19 . On Vet I - a fair ball hitting the trees in right field is a home run. A ball rolling under the trees will become a dead ball and the batter will be awarded 3 bases.

20 . On Vet I - a fair ball touching any part of the trees at the fence in left or left center field will be a home run.

21. No additions to rosters will be accepted after the date of your fifth scheduled game of the league season.

22. Uniforms – uniform jerseys or t-shirts must have short sleeves. Tank tops and/or muscle shirts are not permitted.

23. Forfeit Procedure: Teams must notify the Orangetown Parks and Recreation Office by 2:00pm on the day of the game being forfeited. Notification after 2:00pm will require a \$50.00 forfeit fee.

24. Teams are responsible for their team followers.

25. Players must participate or be present for 50% of league games to be eligible for the play-offs.

26. No alcoholic beverages, smoking or dogs are permitted on any fields or in any parks.

27. Protests: In case a dispute arises between a team manager and an official during the game, a protest can be filed by the manager. A protest is only valid if the game is protested to the Umpire and the opposing manager at the time of the dispute and the game is finished under protest.

Misinterpretation of rules and the use of ineligible players are the only grounds for filing a protest. If two teams captains or managers, in the presence of the umpire, come to a gentlemen's agreement that in any way conflicts with the league rules, no protest over any play or decision in such game will be accepted. A \$25.00 fee is required for a protest, however, this fee is returned if the protest is sustained, otherwise it will be retained by the league. Protest committee shall be comprised of League Directors and Umpire in Chief.

28. Scorekeeping: Each team will be responsible for keeping a scorebook. However, the home team will keep the official record, but should check with the opposing team after each half inning. Players who are present but unable to play should be added to the book, with the opposing manager's approval.. Please include first and last names of each player in case scorebook is needed to check players validity for playoffs.

29. Rainouts and Postponements: E-mails will be made prior to 4:30pm. Calls will be made after that, please supply this office with a daytime number where the team representative can be reached if necessary. Only team representatives may contact the office regarding their team. Fridays have been reserved for makeups. If the team representative is going to be away it is their responsibility to notify this office.

30. Winning team representative or his or her designee must report the winning score to softball@orangetown.com. Subject line to have game #, content box to have winning team.

31. Playoffs - At the discretion of the league director, teams may be assigned to the other league to appropriately balance playoff seeding.

32. Tie games that effect play-off standings will be played from the point of interruption.

33. If more that two teams are tied for first or fourth place, and if games won against those involved cannot determine a winner, the play-off seedings will be done by drawing.

34. Team trophies will be awarded to teams that finish in 1st and 2nd place for league play and the playoffs.

Code of Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted. Negative comments to umpires or opponents will not be tolerated. Players who exhibit unexceptable behavior will be ejected and suspended for a minimum of 1 game. Teams are responsible for team followers. Failure of team followers to comply with game or league officials will result in the forfeit of the game.