

**Frankfort Park District
Men's 12" Summer Softball League
Rules and Regulations**

League Entry – Rosters

- A. The Men's 12" Summer Softball League will play on Tuesday Nights. Game times are: 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm depending on total number of league teams
- B. Each team must have a designated Captain or Manager who shall act as the team representative at meetings and be in communication with the Recreation Supervisor.
- C. Captain or Managers shall be notified through the Park District Office of any league meetings that require a team representative and that will affect their entry or status in the league.
- D. **Final Rosters MUST be submitted no later than second week of the season;** however the roster must be signed by every individual player before participation in the first game. Photo ID (with address) must be available, upon request.
- E. All players must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the league and no player may participate on more than one team per night.
- F. Rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players. Additional players may be added to a team at the Recreation Supervisors discretion.

Schedule

- A. League play will consist of a 9 week regular season. The top 4 teams will play in the post season tournament held on the 10th week. Make-up games will be scheduled by the Recreation Supervisor using alternate nights, as needed
- B. Regularly scheduled games will be played at Commissioners Park, Field 2. A regulation game will consist of 7 innings of play. In any event that a game can't be completed, an official game may be called after 5 innings of play or 4 1/2 innings of play, if the home team is ahead.
- C. Teams are strongly encouraged to show up and be ready to play 20 minutes prior to game time.

Inclement Weather

- A. In the event of threatening or inclement weather, and we need to cancel, Team Captains will be notified by TeamSideLine. Captains will then pass along to team players.

- B. If the fields are playable prior to game time teams must show up to play. Field conditions are then subject to the umpire's judgment.

Field Light Outage/Failure

- A. If there is a field light failure or outage, games will be stopped immediately, and the game will be assessed by regulation game rules. If the game is under 4 innings, the Recreation Supervisor, will re-schedule the extra time needed to complete the game on another date with the current score.

Forfeit – Safeguard

- A. At the scheduled game time if a team cannot field the minimum of nine roster players to start the game then that team shall forfeit to the opposing team by a score of 7-0.
- B. If both scheduled teams fail to field a team, then both teams shall forfeit with a score of 0-0 and both teams will receive a loss.
- C. If a team forfeits more than two games in a season that team could be removed from further participation in league and tournament play and each opponent scheduled to play that team will receive a 7-0 win for that game.
- D. Safeguard Rule: Any player ejected from a game because of harassment, abusive language, or demonstrative actions toward park district staff, players, spectators or umpire will be suspended for his teams next scheduled game. If a player is ejected for a second time then he will be removed from the team's roster and will no longer participate in league or tournament play.

Standings – Tournament

- A. Regular season standings and champion will be decided on by the team's win/loss record. If two teams have the same win/loss record then head-to-head competition is used to determine the winner. If the two teams split in their head-to-head competition then the team with the biggest run differential head-to-head will be the winner. If still tied, then the team who gave up the least amount of runs throughout the season will be the winner.

Awards

- A. 1st and 2nd place cash prize will be awarded at the conclusion of post season.
- B. A Championship trophy will also be awarded to the post season champion.

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- the protests. Second Protest of the Season: A \$75 fee must accompany any protest filed on the appropriate protest form complete with essential facts for the protests. Third Protest of the Season: A \$100 fee must accompany any protest filed on the appropriate protest form complete with essential facts for the protests. All protest rulings by the rules committee are final and the protest may not be appealed for further action.
- B. Batters will enter the batter's box with a one ball one strike count and foul balls will be counted as strikes (i.e.: Two foul balls in the same at bat will be a strikeout).
 - C. There will be a sixty-minute time limit for all regular season games.
 - D. Games will be played as scheduled. There is **NO** grace period-forfeit time is game time. All games will be played in 7 innings or one hour, whichever comes first. A new inning may not begin after the time limit has passed. The umpire is the official time keeper. In case of a tie, at the end of 7 innings or one-hour time limit the game will automatically be played as if it was in extra innings. The tie will be played up to 3 full innings. If after that game is still tied, it will be recorded as a tie.
 - E. Metal cleats are not allowed. Any individual caught wearing metal cleats must change shoes to continue playing.
 - F. A runner may slide into any base; however any intentional collisions will result in an out for the runner and possible ejection from the game.
 - G. No leading off or stealing is allowed. Base runners may not leave the base until the pitch crosses home plate.
 - H. A courtesy runner may be allowed for an injured player. The person making the previous out can be used as the runner.
 - I. No bunting is allowed.
 - J. A run rule will apply and the game will be declared over when one team is leading by twenty or more runs after three complete innings or twelve or more runs after five complete innings.
 - K. Teams will be allowed to use two extra hitters (E.H.) in the batting order.
 - L. Pitching: One of the pitchers feet must remain in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is released. Pitching arc will stay between a six-foot minimum and a ten-foot maximum. Pitchers must pitch underhand.
 - M. Managers must keep game records and scores must be put into the drop box directly behind home plate right after the completion of their game. **The winning team is responsible for getting the Umpires Signature and placing the sheet in Drop Box.**

- N. Ground rules should be addressed by the umpires and both team managers prior to the start of each game.
- O. The most current N.S.A. rulebook will be used to govern play. Should a discrepancy arise between the "Park District Rules" (other than the modifications specifically cited) and the N.S.A. rulebook, the N.S.A. interpretation will be used.
- P. Any rule or regulation is subject to change at the discretion of the Frankfort Park District Staff including the Recreation Supervisor administering the program, the programs on site supervisor and umpires.
- Q. Teams will be allowed to play with nine players but they will take an out for the 10th batting position. If the 10th player shows up after the game has begun the team is allowed to place him in the line-up batting 10th position. Teams playing a short handed team will not be allowed to walk the 9th batter and take the 10th position out with two outs. If the 9th batter is walked then there is no 10th position out and the 1st batter is up. With less than two outs the 9th batter can walk and the short-handed team must take the 10th position out.
- R. **Teams are allowed 3 Home Runs per Game.** Any subsequent Home Run will result in an Out!!

Any comments or questions should be directed to the Recreation Supervisor Beth Nagel at: bnagel@frankfortparks.org (815)469-9400. Have Fun, Play Safe and enjoy the Season!!