



## **Men's Softball Official City Rules**

- 1- All games will be played under the **National Softball Association Rules (NSA)** with the exception of the following rules adopted by the City as listed below.
- 2- **50 Minute games or 7 innings**; whichever comes first, with the home team receiving last turn at bat when necessary.
- 3- A team shall consist of at least (8) players; Each team must have 8 legal players to start or to continue a game.
- 4- A forfeit will be called if this number is not present within **5 minutes** **after** the scheduled game time.
- 5- No player can play on more than one team.
- 6- Any team with 2 forfeit games is out of the league.
- 7- Use of a pitching box of 53' to 56'.
- 8- A 5' to 12' pitching arc.
- 9- An 12" ball will be used for men.
- 10- Each Player will start with a one ball one strike count.
- 11- The home run rule will be the **ONE UP** rule. **All home runs over the limit will be outs.**
- 12- Line Ups must be turned in prior to the start of the game. A team can have as many as 12 players batting, and 10 players on defense.
- 13- Run Rule: 20 at anytime, 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 5 innings.
- 14- **Substitutions can only be made when the ball is dead.** The mgr. of the team making a substitution should immediately notify the Umpire and Scorekeeper. A player or substitute shall be officially in the game when his or her name has been entered on the official score sheet, & in possession of the official scorer.
- 15- Anyone ejected from a game for any reason will be suspended for at least **2 weeks**. Anyone ejected twice during the season will be suspended for the rest of the season. **Fighting will be a minimum of a 1 year suspension. Any person verbally or physically attacking an official or supervisor will be suspended from Washington City Sports Programs indefinitely & criminal action may be taken.**
- 16- **Teams are responsible for their fans.** Teams may be ejected for unruly fans.
- 17- **Alcohol will not be tolerated. Teams being caught will be EJECTED!**
18. **Pitching Net Rules:**
  - A. The screen will directly face home plate within one to three feet in front of the pitching rubber.
  - B. The screen may be positioned anywhere from the outer left side of the pitching rubber for a right handed pitcher, and to the outer right side of the pitching rubber for a left handed pitcher.
  - C. The first batted ball striking any portion of the screen as observed by the umpire will be declared a foul ball. The second batted ball striking the screen will be declared an out.
  - D. A pitcher is eligible to field any ball in front of the screen, but must do so at his own risk.
  - E. Once the screen is in position it becomes part of the field and may not be moved the rest of the inning. Exception: If a substitution is made for the pitcher.

