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Code of Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted. Negative comments to umpires or opponents will not be tolerated. Players who exhibit unexceptionable 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. The use of FOUL language by players or spectators will not be tolerated. The umpire will assess an out against the offending team. Multiple offenses can result in an ejection.

ORANGETOWN CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Game times will be at 6:45pm, with forfeit time at 6:50pm, and 8:15pm, with forfeit time at 8:20pm, and eight players must be fielded. At Veteran's Park no inning may start after 8:15pm for the 6:45pm game and 10:00pm (not including playoffs) for the 8:15pm game. If eight players are present at game time, play must begin.
2. If a team is winning by more than 15 runs after five complete innings, the game is over. After 4 ½ 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. Substitutions are not permitted. Players may only be added to the line-up if they were not present at the start of the game. The added player will be placed at the bottom of the line-up.
6. Batting order must alternate (male-female).
7. Team must field 8 players for game to proceed. A maximum of five males is permitted. No limit on number of women.
8. Pitching- pitches may not come in flat. The pitching distance will be 50 feet and the ball can have a maximum of 6ft arc from point of release or a maximum of 8 ft off the ground. Any pitch considered by the umpire to be above 8 ft will be considered illegal. Any pitcher charged with 3 illegal pitches in one game must be replaced.
9. A walk on the first 4 pitches will result in award of 2 bases to the batter.
10. Male and female players *may not* change positions on defense after the start of an inning. This rule does not apply to a pitching change.
11. Courtesy runners permitted for players who are injured or unable to run. They must be identified before the start of the game and the last batted out of the same sex is the replacement.
12. If a player must leave the game, it will not be considered an "out" unless the player is ejected.
13. Illegal Bat Rule – Bats should be ASA or USSA approved. 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.
14. No metal spikes. Players wearing metal spikes will be ejected.

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15. Defensive Shifts will not be allowed. When playing with 4 infielders, 2 must be positioned between first base and second base and 2 must be positioned between second base and third base until the Softball is contacted.

This does NOT preclude a team from positioning the Roamer (10th defensive player) anywhere in the field including the infield.

16. Outfielders must be positioned behind the 170ft arc in the outfield. This does not apply to the short fielder. A Short Fielder can ONLY be used if you are fielding 10 players. The short fielder can play anywhere in the field and has the flexibility to move to any position.

17. 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.

18. On Vet 1 - a fair ball hitting the trees or landing on the hill 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.

19. On Vet 1 - a fair ball touching any part of the trees at the fence in left or left center field will be a home run.
On Vet 2 – The Ball needs to be hit over the fence in order to be a Home Run

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

21. Uniforms – uniform jerseys or t-shirts must have short sleeves. Long sleeve under shirts are permitted. **Tank tops and/or muscle shirts are not permitted.**

22. Forfeit Procedure: Teams must notify the Orangetown Parks and Recreation Office by 2:00pm on the day of the game being forfeited. A team that provides notification after 2:00pm will be charged a forfeit fee for the full cost of the umpire(s) for that game.

23. Reschedule Requests: Requests to reschedule a game are subject to field availability and league manager discretion. The team seeking to reschedule must first contact the league manager for field availability, and is then responsible for contacting the opposing team for an alternate date/time. The game must occur within 14 days of the originally scheduled.

The deadline to submit the rescheduled date/time agreed upon by both teams shall be the same as the forfeit deadline. Teams will be allowed no more than 1 reschedule per season. This limit does not apply to weather cancellations made by the Recreation Department.

24. Play ends when a batted ball is returned to the infield and is in the possession of an infielder and in the opinion of the umpire, all runners are stationary. At that time, a time-out may be granted. At that time, runners may not advance.

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: Misinterpretation of rules and the use of ineligible players are the only grounds for filing a protest. Protests involving rules interpretation, must be filed with the umpire prior to the first pitch after the play in question.

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. If the team representative is going to be away it is their responsibility to notify this office.

30. Score Reporting Requirements: The winning team's representative or his or her designee must report the winning score to softball@orangetown.com **no later than the following day at 4:00 pm. Scores that are NOT reported by the deadline will be recorded as a 0-0 TIE.** Subject should be date of game, content should be game score.

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

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

33. All ties for playoff position will now be decided by the website scheduling program.

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