

# VASL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES



Our Coed Softball League is purely social with an emphasis on meeting people and having a good time! Overall, we follow ASA (Amateur Softball Association) rules with several exceptions due to our pure social format. Please do not argue with our umpires as they have the final call. Please read below for more details:

## SUMMARY

- Maximum of 9 players in the field (Must have no more than 5 infielders)
- Minimum of 4 females on the field (suggested)
- Each team pitches to their own team (3 pitches max plus 1 foul)
- If pitcher is hit by the ball, the batter is out
- Pitchers must deliver the ball underhand to their own team
- No more than 10 runs can score in one inning
- No bunting, no fielder may start closer than the pitcher
- Each afternoon session consists of one, 7 inning game. There is a 55 minute time limit for each game.
- If games are tied at the end of the time limit, the game will result in a tie
- All games will start on-time with only a 5 minute grace period if a team is under 9 players, so please aim to show up 10-30 minutes before your scheduled game time
- Teams must bat all the players and put everyone in the batting order even if team has more than 9 in attendance
- We recommend that all teams try to mix up the batting order not stacking more than 2-3 males in a row
- Fielding positions will be solely up to the teams, but we encourage everyone to rotate and allow anyone to play the position of their liking for at least a few innings
- No Mercy Rule as all games will be played until time expires or innings expire
- All unsportsmanlike or anti-social behavior will result in that player(s) being suspended or removed from the league with no refund (at the sole discretion of league officials). This includes yelling over competitive behavior, taking the ball repeatedly from a weaker player, or refusing to allow equal playing time in the field or to rotate positions

## **RAINOUTS**

- All games suspended due to unplayable conditions (as decided by league or park officials) before more than 4 innings are played games will be rescheduled, if possible, at the end of the season. If it is not possible the score at the end of the last complete inning will count.
- If lightening is in the area, games will be cancelled without hesitation
- View the website weather alert section for a current update on the bottom of the website
- All rained out games will be made up at the end of the season providing field space is available. In the chance that field space is not available at the end of the season the league is not obligated to make up any games.

## **SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT**

- Each softball player should bring his/her own glove and encouraged to bring their own bats if they own them. Cleats & Helmets are also optional.
- Catchers are asked to wear a catcher's mask at all times when behind the plate, but may choose not to wear it at their own risk.
- Bats, bases, & game-balls will be provided

## **GAME RULES**

- If you throw the bat while hitting you will be warned. The second time you will be called out. The third time you will be ejected from the game.
- If you are caught wearing metal spikes you will be removed from the game. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR METAL SPIKES!
- Please remove all Jewelry while you are on the fields

## **OTHER ASSORTED RULES**

- You are not required to wear your league t-shirt to games although it is suggested. Team with the most league t-shirts is the home team. Additionally, league t-shirts will give you special discount pricing at bar affiliates after the games!
- You must sign an athletic waiver at the beginning of the season and be 21 or older
- If you know in advance that your team is going to forfeit a game, you must contact us by noon on the day of the game at [vasleague@yahoo.com](mailto:vasleague@yahoo.com). Failure to notify the league could cause your team to be removed from the rest of the schedule.