

POULSBO PARKS AND RECREATION

USSSA MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2019

Questions? Call 779-9898, City of Poulsbo Parks & Recreation

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The games will be played on school district property at the North Kitsap High School softball facility and at the Kingston High School fastpitch field. **There is NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO USE permitted** (state law).

Maintaining the fields: All teams must pick up after themselves. Each team is responsible for its player's trash as well as the trash of its fans. Keep the dugouts and the surrounding grounds clean. At the completion of a night's games, each team should assist in raking the field. With the help of several people, this job takes about 5 minutes and leaves you with a good playing surface for the next set of games.

Teams will be held responsible for complying to all rules. This league cannot operate without your support and careful attention to state laws and field maintenance. Cleanliness is a representation of you. Your kids, friends, and families will appreciate the small amount of effort it takes to keep the fields in good shape. Smoking, chewing, and/or drinking will jeopardize our use of the school facilities this year and years to come.

1. All games to begin at 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 pm. The time limit will be 1 hour and 5 minutes. Seven (7) inning games; 10-run rule after 5 innings will be in effect. Teams will play single and double-headers through the season. Start time may be moved slightly earlier to assure adequate light as the summer progresses.

2. The official will flip a coin for home team. Home-team scores official book.

3. All games officiated with one umpire.

6. Batting order must be alternated male, female, male, female, etc.

- a. Everyone present **MUST** be in regular batting rotation
- b. No limits to the number of batters.
- c. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the batting order for the appropriate gender.
- d. If an injury occurs which removes a player from the game, that player is scratched from the batting lineup. NO out will be taken for this batter in the lineup. The removed injured player is not eligible to return to play in the affected game.
- e. **With less than 10 players in the batting lineup, 5 men and 4 women or 4 men and 4 women are acceptable batting lineups. One out will be taken for the missing woman in the 5/4 situation and one out each will be taken for the missing man/woman in the 4/4 situation. If there are 5 women and 4 men, one out will be taken for the missing man. Additional women can be shifted into the men's batting order if there are less than 5 men present (ie: if there are 6 women, 4 men, then one woman can be part of the men's batting rotation. This eliminates the out for the missing 5th man. Men cannot fill missing women's batting slots.) If there are 6 men and 4 women, only 5 of the men and 4 women can play defense. Since all players are on the batting order, the 6 men/4 women team would take an out for the missing 5th woman.**

7. 3-2 rule: Players start with one ball/one strike against them; thus each player gets 3 balls/2 strikes. 2 foul balls on the final strike counts as a strike.

8. The strike zone is shoulder to knee above home plate.

9. If a male is walked, he takes TWO base. The next female batter has the choice of taking a walk to first or hitting.

10. There are no lead offs.

11. There will be **no** "must slides" rule.

12. Courtesy runner (**last available player of same sex**) will be allowed.

13. Catcher cannot interfere with base runner.

****14.** Home run rule: For the safety of people outside the fences of the NKHS softball fields and to better align our rules with other coed softball league rules in USSSA, the following changes will be applied to our league immediately:

- A. A marker pole will be put on the fence in the center of center field, on a line projected from home base through second base. Hits on the right field side going over the fence in the air will be an automatic out. Hits on the left field side going over the fence in the air will be a home run.
- B. Each team is allowed 2 over the fence home runs per game. After accumulating 2 home runs, any hit that would normally be a home run per "A" above, will be a single, with all baserunners being awarded one base.
- C. Home run restrictions apply to male hitters only. Female hitter home runs do not count towards the team limit of 2 home runs per game, and any hit by a female going over the fence in fair territory will be considered a home run.

15. Field players: any 10 players can be in the field for defense as long as the minimum number of females are included. See rule 6.e. for allowable combinations.

16. Games can start with 8 players. It is the Coach's discretion to determine the least amount of players allowable to begin a game. Options may be to lend the shorted team a player or two until more show up. It is totally up to and between the two coaches to decide. **Let's avoid forfeits!**

17. Minimum age of play is 16 years old. Any player under 18 years of age must have a waiver/registration form signed by their parent/legal guardian to play in this league. **16 & 17 year old players must wear helmets while on the field during offensive play.**

18. Rained out games will be rescheduled. It will be up to the umps to cancel games, and that would be due to unsafe conditions.

19. **12" optic yellow, .44 core ball will be used for all batters. Pousbo P&R will supply one new ball for each game. At the completion of the games, the Pousbo P&R rec aide will collect the balls for future use.**

20. Tie games are allowed. Play will continue up to the allowed time limit of 1 hour and 5 minutes (finishing any inning started within that time limit.) If there is a tie and time permits, international tie breaker rules apply.

****21. No run rule will be used to end a game. Play the game for the allotted time or number of innings.**

NO SWEARING. This is a family activity. Intentional collisions will be viewed as unsportsmanlike conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct, when called by the referee, will result in the offending person being ejected from the game.

If you are ejected from a game:

- a. Your team receives an out which will be applied to the current inning (if on offense) or to your next offensive inning for the current game. Your batting position receives an out each time you come up in the rotation.
- b. You must leave the playing field, moving outside the fenced area at NKHS and KHS.
- c. You will not be eligible to play in the next consecutive game.

**Referees will report all ejections to Parks and Recreation;
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