



North Tonawanda Youth, Parks & Recreation

Adult Softball 2021 Rules & Regulation

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Website: www.playntrec.com/softball

I. Ground Rules

1. Galassi Field

- a. Any ball that rolls on the ground into the wooded area will be a double
- b. Any ball reaching the wooded area in the air will be a homerun
- c. 5 home run limit per contest. Once a team exceeds the limit, each homerun will be an out.

2. Gilmore Field

- a. Any ball that rolls onto the pavement in the air or on the ground will be a homerun.

3. Felton Field

- a. The hill is in play, both for balls in the air and on the ground.

II. Playing Rules & Game Times

- a. Games start at 6:00pm and 7:15pm respectively. There is no grace period. The umpire's time is official.
- b. No inning of a 6pm game may start after 7:15pm
- c. No time limit will exist for 7:15pm games. If an injury or other situation occurs which may delay a game, the umpire has the right to adjust game times.
- d. A coin flip will decide home field advantage (regular season only). In the playoffs the team with the best seed ranking will be given home fields advantage.
- e. Suspended Game Rule: Rulebook Rule 5 Section 3 F applies to all playoff games. Playoff games that are stopped due to darkness, rain etc. will be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped and when resumed will be played until a winner is determined.
- f. All regular substitution rules apply for suspended games (1, a-l)
- g. Winning team is responsible to report the game score via email to phogan@northtonawanda.org by noon the next day or on the website www.playntrec.com/softball all unreported scores will result in a loss for both teams.
- h. No base stealing is allowed (player can leave the base on contact only)
- i. A pitched ball that makes contact with the plate or mat shall be called a strike

III. Rosters/Substitutions

- a. Teams must have 9 players available to play at the start of the game with no penalty being enforced.
- b. Additional players showing up late must be placed in the last spot in the batting order.
- c. If a team becomes one player short for any reason other than ejection, that team may continue to play shorthanded with an out being recorded each time the vacant batting position is scheduled to bat (It is up to the opposing team, not the umpire, to keep track of when the vacant batting position is up).
- d. If a team starts with an extra player (batting 11 players) and drops to 10 batters for any reason, the penalty listed above (11.c) will be enforced.
- e. Men's & Women's teams may exceed the 11 player batting lineup but must finish with the same amount of players as they started with or penalty (11.c) will be enforced.
- f. An extra player arriving late to a game can be immediately inserted into the vacant batting position.
- g. Any player can be substituted or replaced by a player (who has not yet entered the game) and re-enter once, providing the player occupies the same batting position (Note: This means the player can only re-enter the game in the place of substitute).
- h. Any player re-entering the game not according to the above rule (11.f) will be considered an illegal re-entry and will be disqualified.
- i. A substitute may not fill the vacant batting position of a player who has been ejected from the game. The batting position will remain vacant and an out will be recorded each time the vacant position scheduled to bat (it is up to the opposing team, not the umpire to keep track of when the vacant batting position is up).
- j. A team is permitted one designated hitter to bat in place of one of the ten defensive players. This allows a defensive player to play in the game but not have to bat. If a DH assumes a role on defense, such a move will terminate the DH position for the remainder of the game.

IX. Cancellation & Rescheduling Policy

- a. On questionable weather days, teams must contact the Sports Hotline 695-8520 x1. Updates will also be posted on our website: www.playntrec.com/softball As well as our Facebook (@NTparksrec) and Twitter (@NTrecreation) pages.
- b. Teams will be notified within 3 days regarding rescheduling via email. The website will also be updated with make-up dates
- c. Designated reschedule days are Wednesdays and Friday nights. Teams must play on assigned reschedule date or forfeit the game.
- d. Once the schedule is released it is official. Teams that have any conflicts with specific dates or times should put those conflicts on their original team roster application.

X. Misc.

Umpire in Charge: Paul Kirchmeyer: 818-1998 Paul@ETRUCKTIRE.COM

COVID-19 SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Bleachers have been removed from all fields. Players and spectators would bring their own chairs and set themselves 6 feet apart
2. Anyone not in the field of play that cannot maintain 6 feet of distance should be wearing a mask.
3. NY State guidance requires employees (in this case umpires) to wear a face covering
4. Each team will be provided with a bottle of spray hand sanitizer. Individuals should sanitize their hands if sharing equipment (bats, etc).
5. Avoid spitting, eating/spitting sunflower seeds, etc. Violators will be warned by an umpire, and can be removed from the game if persistently violating.
6. Each team will maintain their own game ball. Only the defensive team may touch the ball. For instance-for a foul ball, or ball out of play, only the defensive team should go and retrieve the ball. At the end of each defensive inning the team should take the ball off the field with them. Ball should be checked by the umpire to ensure it's an approved game ball.