

## PELHAM PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT FALL COED RULES & REGULATIONS - 2024

1. **Fields/Days** - Sundays at Newcomb Field in Pelham. **Make-up games** will be rescheduled whenever possible.
2. **Game Times** – 10AM and 11:15AM
3. **Start time/Grace period** - All games are expected to start on time. A 15-minute grace period is allowed before declaring a forfeit in the first game. Second game is expected to start on time.
4. **Tiebreaker/Extra Innings** - When the game is tied after 7 innings start with a runner on second base. The person that made the **last out** in the previous inning will be the runner. The game will then be played until there is a winner, regardless of the time taken. There are NO tie games.
5. **Roster** - Players must be on the roster to play in playoffs.
6. **Age limit** - Must be 18 by April 1, 2024, to play in the league.
7. **Batters Count** - Each at-bat starts with a 1 ball 1 strike count.
8. **Ball** – Each team will get 1 case of 12-inch softballs. A second case can be purchased if needed for \$75.00
9. **Starting the game** - When batting 10 or more players. Each team must always have a minimum of 3 members of the minority sex in the lineup. Two women must play the field. Can start the game with 9 players, 3 of whom must be female. A 10th player may NOT be added to the lineup after 3 innings have been played.
10. **Home team** - The home team is listed first on the website schedule.
11. **Batting order** - A minimum of 2 females must hit in the 1 thru 6 positions.
12. **Courtesy Runner** - Teams must identify players prior to the start of the game; said runner cannot go past first base no matter where the ball is hit. If a player is injured during the game, a courtesy runner can be used. The courtesy runner will always be a male for a male, female for female, and the last out in the previous inning. In the first inning, courtesy runner is the last batter in the lineup.
13. **Ejection** - If you have 10 players and one is ejected, you can play with 9. The position in the batting order that was occupied by the ejected player will be an out if there is no substitution available. If you play with 9 and one is ejected, then it will be a forfeit. You cannot play with 8 players or less due to an ejection.

**14. Injuries** - If an injury occurs and you don't have a substitute, then that position in the lineup will be out (no exceptions). If a female gets injured, you can finish with 6 males and 2 females. If a male gets injured - 5 males, 3 females. You cannot play with less than 8 players; the result will be forfeit.

**15. Home Run Limit** - 5 home run limit; everything else is out. The batter/runner must advance to one base.

**16. 12-run rule** - After 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game is called when one team is leading by 12 or more runs. The home team must bat in the 5<sup>th</sup> if trailing by 12+ runs. **20-run rule after 3½ or 4 complete innings.**

**17. Pitch** - Pitch must reach 3ft but no more than 10ft.

**18. Sliding** - NO TAKE-OUT slides allowed. Take-out slides will be called at the discretion of the umpire, and penalties will be called accordingly.

**19. Fake Tags** - No fake tags will be allowed. Ejections are at the discretion of the umpire.

**20. Free substitution on defense** - Is allowed, but the batting order must remain the same.

**21. Third strike** - The second foul ball after the second strike is an out for both males and females.

**22. Foul Ball** - There are no foul tips in slow-pitch softball, therefore any foul ball caught before legally striking the ground is an out. This includes fouls hit directly back to the catcher.

**23. Walks** - If a male player walks before a female batter, the female has the option to walk or bat.

**24. Outfield Distance rule** - Outfielders must remain 50 feet or more from the baselines when a female is up to bat.

**25. NO metal spikes allowed** - If caught, the player will receive a warning. If caught again, the player will be ejected and suspended for one game. There are no exceptions.

**26. BATS** - USSSA bat restrictions. See the NH USSSA list.

**27. Rain Outs** - Will be played over again, unless it's a regulation game that is 4 ½ innings or 5 complete or 3½ innings or 4 complete.

**28. PLAYOFF eligibility** - Everyone is eligible for playoffs with full team fee paid.