

Men's & Women's Softball League

RULES AND REGULATIONS

HG Sports - A Ministry of Hickory Grove Baptist Church

1. Any player who does not conduct him or herself in a Christ-like manner will be ejected from the game. Cursing, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct and abuse towards an official or another player will result in immediate suspension from the league for the year. Refunds will not be given. Any fan demonstrating the same conduct will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
2. All rules will be observed in accordance with any other league policy rules or ASA Slow Pitch Softball rules.
3. There is a 4 home run limit. Any home run hit after the 4 home run limit is used will be an out. Inside the park home run will not be considered in the home run count.
4. Infield fly rule does apply.
5. A forfeit will be declared if a team fails to field 9 players at the appointed game time. There is no penalty for the 10th position. Players arriving after the game has started may be added to the end of the batting lineup without penalty. After the 3rd inning, no player can be added to the lineup; substitutions only.
6. The winning coach must report the score before 12:00 pm the following day to rogerwoodell@hgbc.org (Main) or dandezordo@hgbc.org.
7. No inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes; NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Courtesy runners may be used for one player only, per inning. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out.
9. A 15 run rule is in effect after 4 complete innings; 10 runs after 5 complete innings.
10. The starting pitcher may be taken out and re-substituted into the pitcher position one time.
11. There will be a five minute grace period for the start of all games. If the first game runs beyond the start time of the second game, no grace time will be allowed.
12. In order to prevent forfeits, teams may pick up players from other teams participating in the LEAGUE only, two players maximum. Pick up players must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. This is for the regular season only. Pick up players will not be allowed once tournament play begins.
13. Website information: www.hickorygrovesports.org. We will try to maintain updated information on our website, which will include standings, rainouts, schedules and rosters.
14. You may bat 12 players (2 DH), and they may freely substitute on defense.
15. Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count. With two strikes, the batter is allowed one foul. On the second foul, the batter is out.
16. No metal cleats are allowed.
17. No Ultra or Ultra II bats allowed. All other bats are legal.
18. Games will be 7 innings, or until time has elapsed.
19. Each player must appear on a HG Sports team roster in order to participate in the game.
20. **(Men's league only)** All pitchers must use the screen on the glove side. The screen must stay in the spot designated by the field director or the umpire.
21. **(Men's league only)** If a batted ball hits the screen once, ball is considered foul. The second batted ball that hits the screen will be an out. If a defensive player throws the ball and hits the screen, ball is live.

All coaches and players need to register to receive mobile alerts for inclement weather schedule changes.

Register at www.hickorygrovesports.org.