

# **BREWTOWN RECREATION:**

## **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RULES**

### **GENERAL RULES**

- A team should consist of 10 players. However, teams are eligible to play a game with a minimum of 8 players
  - Captains should keep an updated lineup, should any questions arise
- ASA Rules will govern play unless otherwise stated in the Brewtown Rec rules
- The umpire will keep official score and use his watch for official timing of the game
- Pitch heights are 6' minimum and 12' maximum from ground level
- The length of games is 7 innings (*and/or 50 minutes*)
  - No new inning will begin more than 45 minutes after the start of the game unless score is tied
  - If there is a need to have 5 games at a field one week, the length of game is 7 innings (*and/or 45 minutes*)

### **ROSTER RULES**

- The roster limit is 16 players
- All players MUST be listed on your online roster
- **In order to be eligible for league tournaments, all players must play at least 1 game in the regular season**

### **EQUIPMENT**

- Teams must provide their own personal equipment (i.e. bats, gloves, etc.)
- Brewtown Rec will provide 44/375 Composite 11" softballs
- Metal Cleats are permitted (*but if a player intentionally tries to hurt an opponent, a season ban will occur*)
- ASA SOFTBALL BATS MUST BE USED. The penalty for using an illegal bat is as follows:
  - 1st Violation – immediate ejection of player using the bat
  - 2nd Violation – immediate ejection of player using the bat and the captain

### **MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

- Base stealing is not allowed
- Sliding is allowed and recommended in force-play situations.
- With runners advancing, any out-of-play ball warrants an extra base to the runner. Overthrow guidelines will be determined by the specific park

### **ADDING PLAYERS**

- Teams must have starting players present and in the dugout at the start of the game
- The batting order must be maintained at all times
- If a player shows up late, player must be inserted in the LAST spot in the line-up. No exceptions.
- If a player is ejected from the game and the absence leaves the team with 7 players or less, an out will be assessed each time that player's name comes up in the order.
- Courtesy runners are permitted but only once per inning (and must be the last out)

### **AT-BAT RULES**

- A "Strike Zone" mat will be used, any pitch contacting the mat will be a called strike. The following will be considered an out:
  - 2 Strikes
  - 1 Strike and 1 Foul Ball
  - 2 Foul Balls

### **MONEY BALL RULE**

- Teams will be allowed to use a MoneyBall once per game.
- Runs scored with the MoneyBall are worth 2x. For instance, a grand slam would be worth 8 runs!
- If the batter is walked during the MoneyBall at-bat, the batter will be awarded 2nd base and all base runners will also advance two bases.

### **RUN RULES**

- 15 runs after 5 innings will be in effect for all games (including playoffs)

### **GAME CANCELLATIONS**

- If weather is bad PRIOR to game times, we will post a cancellation notice on Facebook & Twitter no later than 5:15pm.
- In the event a game is called on account of inclement weather after it begins, the following procedures will be followed:
  - If the score is not tied and the game has completed 4-1/2 innings, the game will be a complete game provided the home team is ahead.
  - If less than 4-1/2 innings have been complete, the game is not a complete game and will be made up. The batter will start with the count he had when the game was called. The game will continue with the time left when the game was called.

### **FORFEIT RULE**

- If your team has to forfeit, please respect the league and notify us **24 hrs prior to your game time**
- Last minute forfeits will be charged a ***\$60 fine***. This fine must be paid PRIOR to playing next scheduled game.

### **LEAGUE REMINDERS**

- Please be respectful of the umpire. Being an umpire is an extremely hard job. He/She has final say on all rules/regulations concerning the game. Those who aren't respectful may face in game ejection or league suspension.

