



## Parks and Recreation City of Southaven, MS

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### **MENS 2018 SOFTBALL RULES**

#### Scheduling:

- Season will start on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We will release the game schedule the week before.
- Every Team will be guaranteed 10 games.
- Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30
- Each team will have 1-2 games per week. Games will not be scheduled around those being played in other leagues.

#### Players:

- All participating players must be on your team roster the day of your game. Roster changes must be made by notifying the Parks Department. A team can have as many players added to the roster as they like until September 20<sup>th</sup>, at which point rosters will be locked.
- All players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color and style with visible numbers.
- Games must be started and finished with at least eight players on each team present at game time. The ninth position will be considered an out and the tenth position will be skipped.
- Members of your roster can be added to the lineup during the game as they arrive. They will be placed at the bottom of the lineup.
- Lineups will be presented to the umpires before the game.
- The home team will be the official scorebook

#### Equipment:

- The City of Southaven will provide game balls. Game balls will be a twelve-inch ball with a .52 COR and a compression of 300 pounds.
- All bats must be ASA approved. If a bat is appealed during play, the final determination of the legality of that bat will be made by the umpire.

### General Rules:

- Teams will play a maximum of ten players on defense and can bat 11.
- Games will be played with a one-hour time limit. If the game is tied after 7 innings or if time has expired, then we will use the international rule putting the "last out" on second base.
- Run rule will be 20 runs after four innings and 12 runs after five innings.
- Five homeruns are allowed per team per game. After five homeruns, balls hit fairly, over the fence will be counted as an out.
- Each Batter will start with a 1-1 count. One courtesy foul will be awarded to a batter with 2 strikes, any additional fouls will result in the batter being called out.
- No stealing or leadoffs are allowed. Runner will be called out if off the bag.
- One courtesy runner will be allowed per inning and that runner must be the last out.
- No alcohol of any type will be allowed in the park.
- A player or coach who has been ejected from a game must leave the park immediately and will be ineligible for the following game.

### Field Dimensions:

Bases will be set at 65 foot with a 50ft rubber. A pitcher may pitch behind the plane of the rubber. A pitcher pitching in the plane of the rubber must have contact with the rubber. Any other Rules will be followed according to the ASA handbook.