

2018 Southbury Parks & Recreation

Adult Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Rules

The Southbury Parks & Recreation Department maintains the right to modify and eliminate any of the following rules as necessary as well as pass judgement on a player. The Parks & Recreation Department also has the sole authority to alter any schedule. Games will be played on Wednesday Evenings starting September 12th and running through the end of October.

Eligibility and Rosters

- a) Every player must be 18 years of age or older
- b) Players do not have to be a resident of the Town of Southbury to be eligible to play
- c) Rosters must have at least 10 players and no more than 20
- d) Teams must have at least 3 female or 3 male players on a roster
- e) Rosters are due by September 7th. Any roster adjustments made after that point must be approved by the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department
- f) Any players wishing to be added to a team after the official team roster has been submitted must go through the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department

Fees

- 1) Team Fees
 - a) The fee per team is \$190
 - b) No team will be allowed to play until the team fee is paid in full
 - c) Fees go to cover field usage, maintenance, and lighting
- 2) Forfeit Fee
 - a) Built in to the team fee is a \$40 forfeit fee that will cover the cost of the umpire for both teams in the event your team forfeits a game.
 - b) If your team does not forfeit a game for the season, you will be refunded \$40
- 3) Umpire Fee
 - a) The Umpire fee is a cost of \$40 per game, equaling \$20 per team per game
 - b) The Umpire fee must be paid in full to the umpire prior to the start of each game

Uniforms

- 1) Teams must wear colored shirts picked by the captains
- 2) Sponsors are allowed, but not required

Playing Regulations

- 1) All games will start at their scheduled time unless approved ahead of time by the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department
- 2) Teams must field at least 9 players and at most 10. If a team fields 10, there must be at least 3 males or 3 females in the field. If a team does not have the correct ratio, they may only field 9 players, and 2 must be male or female. If a team cannot abide to these ratios, their game will be forfeit.
- 3) All games will be played at Community House Park
- 4) At Community House Park, there is no right field fence. If the ball rolls down the hill in right field, it will be ruled a ground rule double. If the ball clears the right field hill in the air, it will be ruled a home run.
- 5) The umpires watch is the official game time
- 6) Schedules will be created by the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department. If an umpire fails to show up, notify the Parks & Recreation Department
 - a) If teams would still like to play and can both agree on an umpire, the game will stand
- 7) All games will have a maximum game time of 75 minutes, or 7 innings
 - a) Once the time limit is reached, the game will finish the end of that full inning to ensure both teams end with the same number of at bats
- 8) Teams are responsible for their own drinking water and first aid kits

Scoring Rules

- 1) If a team is losing by 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 12 runs after 5 innings, the game is over. Both teams must have the same number of at bats
- 2) Once a team hits an over the fence home run, they may not hit another until the opposing team has hit one. If the same team hits a ball over the outfield fence, it will be ruled as a ground rule double until the opposing team hits an over the fence home run

Rainouts

- 1) Team captains/managers will be contacted in the case of inclement weather
- 2) Games are considered official after 3 innings. If a game does not reach the top of the fourth inning, the game will be rescheduled
- 3) Please only have the team captain/manager contact the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department office for inclement weather updates
- 4) Updates will be sent out at 4 pm in case of inclement weather

Playoffs

- 1) Playoffs will be held at the end of the regular season
 - a. In order for a player to be eligible for the playoffs, they must have been added to the roster by the deadline
- 2) All teams qualify for playoffs and will be seeded based off of win percentage
 - a. If there is a tie, seeding will be determined by head to head matchups, then by run differential

Rules

- Batters begin the at bat with a 1-1 count
- The minimum pitch arc is 6 feet from the ground and the maximum is 10 feet
- A strike zone mat will be at the back end of home plate. A pitch is considered a called strike if it hits any part of the plate or strike mat. Any pitch that hits elsewhere is considered a ball
- Catchers must allow the ball to make contact with the ground. Any ball caught directly will be considered a ball, even if the batter swings
- Stealing or leading of any base is not allowed
- Courtesy runner- Each team will be allowed two courtesy runners per game. If both courtesy runners have been used and a baserunner suffers an injury, it will be up to the umpires discretion on whether the baserunner will be allowed to be substituted out
- The batter is out if they hit 1 foul ball with two strikes'
- When scoring a run, the baserunner must touch home plate, not the strike mat in order for the run to count
- Bats must be ASA approved single wall barrel aluminum and must be in good working order
- Only softballs provided by the Southbury Parks & Recreation Department are allowed to be used as official game balls
- No bunting is allowed
- Catcher's masks are up to the team's discretion. The Southbury Parks & Recreation Department does not provide them, however if a team would like to provide one for its players, they may
- Batting order must not bat more than 2 males in a row. If a team bats more than 2 male batters in a row, an out will be issued to the team in that half inning
- If a player must leave early, they must be substituted in the batting order/line-up. If there is no available player to substitute, that batter will be counted as an out each time through the order
- Any late arriving players that will not be used as substitutions must be added to the end of the batting order
- Batters back foot must stay planted on the ground while swinging

- Intentional walks are not permitted. If a male batter is walked with a female batter on deck, the female batter will have the option to take their at-bat or take first base.
- Umpires will only interact with the captain of each team
- No Alcohol is allowed in the park

Proper Player Conduct

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and any player engaging in such will be subject to suspension or expulsion from the league
- 2) Arguments with umpires during or after a game will not be tolerated
- 3) If a report is received by the Southbury Parks and Recreation Department from an umpire regarding player behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, or inappropriate conduct towards an umpire, that player will be subject to a 2 game suspension
- 4) Swearing and taunting of the opponent will not be tolerated. The umpire will give warnings, followed by ejections
- 5) If a player or manager is ejected by an umpire, they will be subject to a 2 game suspension
- 6) Players ejected multiple times in a season will be subject to possible expulsion from the league
- 7) Any player or manager who strikes, threatens to strike, or verbally or physically abuses any other player, manager, umpire, or spectator will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season and be subject to expulsion from the league