



Softball: USA Competitive League Rules

Administration:

The Liberty Parks & Recreation Department and Capitol Federal Sports Complex supervise the youth competitive softball program. Decisions that are rendered by the Parks & Recreation Department are final. USA is the governing body of rules for our league unless superseded by specific youth competitive softball rule book as set forth by this league.

Objective and Goals:

The Liberty Parks & Recreation Youth Competitive Softball program is designed to give all girls, through participation in practices and competitive games, the opportunity to learn and improve the fundamentals of the game of softball.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Pre-game conference between umpires and managers will take place 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
2. Game balls are provided by Capitol Federal Sports Complex®
3. No full infield may be taken before games. Please warm up on your side of the infield/outfield. When taking soft toss, please no hitting into the fences.
4. Game lengths are as follows;
 - a. 8U – 6 innings
 - b. 10U and above – 7 innings
5. Time limit for designated ages;
 - a. Game 1 will begin at 6:00pm with a time limit of 1hour 20min
 - b. Game 2 **if you have doubleheader** will begin at 7:30pm (roughly) with a time limit of 1hour 20min
 - c. There will be 10 minutes between game 1 and game 2.
 - d. Time begins after the 1st game pitch
6. Teams are allowed to begin a game with 8 players. If starting with 8 players, they are required to take an out when the 9th spot comes to bat. The 9th player may be added at any time to the end of the lineup.
7. Teams can bat 9, 10 or the entire lineup. This must be declared before the game.
8. NO Extra Innings – Games can end in a tie.
 - a. If time expires once an inning has started, the inning will be completed unless the home team is ahead after the top ½ of inning.
 - b. No new inning will start if time has expired.
 - c. ***Extra innings allowed in End of Season Tournament***
9. Run Spreads for games will apply;
 - a. 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings (ALL AGES)
 - b. **Max scored runs per ½ inning = 6 runs (ALL AGES)**
 - c. ****END OF SEASON TOURNAMENTS ONLY** = 10 runs per inning, allowed for **all ages**.**
10. League standings will be updated weekly and can be found on the team sideline website at www.teamsideline.com/liberty



11. Rainout Line is 816-735-4700 or www.rainoutline.com. The rainout line app or website is the easiest way to weather conditions. Weather conditions will be updated daily at 3pm
12. Seeding for final league standings
 - a. Record
 - b. Head to Head
 - c. Run Differential between tied teams
 - d. Runs Scored – Season Total
 - e. Runs Allowed – Season Total
 - f. Coin Flip
13. If not specified, we will follow the rules established by USA.

Sportsmanship:

Team members, coaches, and spectators shall exhibit appropriate behavior towards other players, officials, and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct from team members and/or associates including spectators will result in the following:

1. Player or coach ejection from the game.
2. Player or coach ejection from the league.
3. Player or coach suspension.
4. Forfeit of game.

* An official should not directly interact with a fan that is being unsportsmanlike. Every effort to control the fan should go through that team's head coach. If cooperation does not take place from that head coach, then the official may take action such as head coach ejection and then if the fan continues, a forfeit of the game is well within the rules. During the game, the officials do have the authority to eject players or coaches. The LPR department has the final authority on determining the duration of the suspension or other penalty. Any player or coach ejected from the game must leave the playing area. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game.

Weather Policy:

The official/supervisor has final say on whether a game will be temporarily suspended or postponed due to weather conditions or poor field conditions – once he or she arrives on the field. If lightening is in the immediate area, the game shall be suspended immediately. Everyone should be instructed to take shelter and the official can monitor the situation and determine whether the game should play on. In case of heavy rain, play should be suspended and possibly postponed due to the amount of rain. If field conditions become extremely poor and players are at risk of injury, then play should be postponed. If the playing weather is horrible such as cold, rain, mud, high winds, tornado warnings etc... then play should be postponed. Finally, if the weather is warm and there is a light to moderate rain falling, it is possible to keep playing. Remember, this decision to play or not to play rests with the official/supervisor working the game and his or her call can NOT be disputed. The official/supervisor will always have the safety of the players in mind when making their decision.

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