

**Johnston Recreation Department
Women's Softball
2010**

~Rules and Regulations~

1. An eleven (11) inch ball will be used (restricted flight-40 core only).
2. Pitching distance is 50 ft. – bases are 70ft.
3. All players must turn 18 years of age prior to September 1st, 2010. (Except for Johnston residents who must turn 17 years of age as of September 1st, 2010).
4. Rosters must be turned in and properly filled out by June 9, 2010. Rosters must include photo ID of each person on the roster. Cruiser Division is allowed 2 “A” players. Destroyer Division has no limitations. Johnston Recreation Department has the right to classify a player.
5. Winning team must call in score to Recreation Department 272-3460.
6. Franchise fee is \$500.00. Thirty seven dollars USSSA registration fee – twenty five dollars to the Johnston Community Fund. An official scorer will be at Woodlake and Mazzulla fields (\$14.00 per game).
7. All players on the field will have on matching shirts with numbers. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. Uniform rule in effect beginning June 1st, 2010. Bring extra uniforms.
8. Do not use “Donuts” during warm ups.
9. No metal spikes!!
10. A team that forfeits will pay both umpires full fee. If teams reports to field and game is called prior to a pitch being thrown – umpires receive ½ fee.
 - a. Two umpires – twenty four dollars each – per game.
 - b. One umpire –eighteen dollars per team.
 - c. In the event of a forfeit with one umpire the fee is \$36.00.
11. A team that forfeits 1 game will not be allowed in the play-offs, and are out of the league. If a team is unable to play a schedule game, you may cancel the game and you will be credited with a loss, but not a forfeit. Be considerate, don't go to a game without enough players.
12. All USSSA certified bats will be allowed. No composite bats

Games:

1. Teams will play (11) defensive players, an official game can be played with a minimum of (9) players.
2. All games will start on time if 9 players are present.
3. Players who come late will be placed at the bottom of the batting order and will take the field immediately if their team is on defense.

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4. A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only.
5. A twelve run rule will be used after 5 innings of play. (4 ½ with home team ahead).
 - a). If anytime after 5 innings of play a 12 run rule lead is established, then the game is immediately over.
 - b). 20 run rule after 4 innings of play is in effect. Game must go 4 complete innings.
 - c). Reference rule book for championship play (playoffs)
6. A three (3) ball and two (2) strike count will be used. Batter will be declared out on the 2nd foul ball after first strike.
7. Teams will have a continuous batting order.
8. Teams will use a free substitution rule with all players having to play at least 3 innings.
9. Once player takes the field defensively she must remain there for (3) defensive outs (unless injured) see #10.
10. If a player leaves the game because of an injury or an ejection that player is not allowed to return to the game. Her batting spot in the order does not become an out, each batter below her moves up. If injured player is a base runner and she leaves the game, then the person who made the last out may run for her. Remember a person who leaves the game because of an injury may not return to the game.
11. The home team must supply a new ball and the visiting team must supply a back up ball.
12. If umpire does not show for the game and both coaches agree to have spectator umpire then the game will be official.
13. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners.
14. Games called because of inclement weather will be played from the exact point of cancellation – save the score sheet!

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Awards

1. Championship teams in each division will receive a team trophy and individual trophies or t-shirts.
2. Play-off champs will receive the same as league champs. However, if team wins both the league and play-offs they will receive one set of individual awards.
3. In the event of a tie for first place, the following tie breaker will apply.
 - a). If between 2 teams, how they fared against one another.
 - b). If more than two teams – a coin flip will break the tie. All teams will be declared co-champs.

Conduct

1. If a player or coach is ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike action, they must sit the next two scheduled games. A second occurrence will be a 5 game suspension. A third occurrence will result in an indefinite suspension.
2. No “Booze” beer or wine allowed during the game or after the game on town property. If caught drinking during the game your team will forfeit. Please help keep fields clean!! Teams are also responsible for their fans.
3. Umpires may not be familiar with our league rules; therefore, it is necessary for the coaches to make the umpire aware of the rules.

Games Subject to Change Only

- 1). By commissioner for team participating in ASA State or National qualifying tournaments and USSA State tournament.
- 2). Due to commissioner's error in schedule.
- 3). Games called off because of inclement weather or field lighting problems will be played from the point of cancellation regardless of the inning.

Protest

Protest based on infraction of league rules must be submitted in writing within 48 hrs of actual happening to be acted upon by league commissioner and a four (4) man protest board. Each protest must be accompanied with a \$25.00 fee and will be returned if protest is allowed. Protesting team must notify scorer, umpire and opposing coach of the protest before next pitch whether legal or illegal.

Special Note: Speed up rule!

No warm up pitches or infield balls will be allowed after the second inning.