



Oak Brook Park District Coed 16 inch Softball League Rules and Regulations Summer 2011

General Information

1. All games are played at the Central Park ball fields located at the corner of Jorie Blvd. and Forest Gate Rd.
2. The Oak Brook Park District does not carry accident or hospitalization insurance on any program participant. It is recommended that the participant review his/her own personal insurance policy for adequate coverage during all program activities.
3. **Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on the Oak Brook Park District premises.** A violation of this rule will result in the immediate dismissal from the league for the entire team. Dismissal from the league for this reason will result in no refund to any of the team's participants.
4. This is a coed, recreational league. It is intended to provide a quality recreational experience for all participants. Poor sportsmanship and arguing will not be tolerated. The umpire or the on-site supervisor may eject players and fans from the game or premises at any time.
5. A Lightning Detection System will alert park users when conditions are right for lightning. At the sound of the alarm, all games will be temporarily suspended until the all-clear signal is heard or until the umpire calls the game.
The Thoroguard is just a detection system, please use your best judgment. If weather looks threatening please exit the ball field, and remain clear of the field until weather conditions have cleared
6. Any rule or regulation is subject to change during the season at the discretion of the Oak Brook Park District staff.

Roster

1. Each team must submit a team roster (either typed or fully legible) prior to the first game that contains a minimum of 12 players. Those participating in Park District sponsored athletic programs must sign a waiver form in order to be eligible for competition. **After the second week of play, no additions may be made to the roster.**
2. In order to qualify as resident team, 100% of the team must be Oak Brook Park District residents. A corporate resident team must have offices located within the Oak Brook Park District boundaries and all of its players must work for the company for which they are playing.
3. Players must be 21 years of age or older.
4. A person can play only for the team(s) that has him/her on the roster.

Game Rules

1. A full team will consist of 10 players, 5 men and 5 women.
2. A team may start the game with 9 players. A combination of nine players, five men and four women or five women and four men is acceptable to start a game. (If the tenth participant is missing, the short-center spot will not be filled) If at any point the tenth participant shows up, they will be inserted into the game during the half inning. A team will forfeit the game if it cannot field nine players from its existing roster by the scheduled starting time. (Also see Forfeit & Cancellations section below.)
3. The batting order will be female/male or male/female. **During the contest, never at any point will two players of the same gender bat behind one another.** If a team is playing with 9 players, the missing players' place of hitting will be the ninth or tenth place in the batting order. The last batted out of the same gender will bat in the empty ninth or tenth position. In the first inning, if there is not a batted out of the same gender, the team captain may chose any player of the same gender to fill the empty batting position. Teams may bat up to twelve (12) batters, this must be stated at the beginning of the game and played that way the entire game.
4. Positions will be played as follows:

- o Pitcher and Catcher have to be one male and one female in either position.
 - o Left Field, Center Field, Short Center and Right Field positions must consist of two males and two females.
 - o 1st Base, 2nd Base, Shortstop and 3rd Base positions must consist of two males and two females.
5. Any of the players may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once provided that the players occupy the original position in the batting order whenever in the game. The original player and his/her substitute cannot be in the game at the time.
 6. Games will be limited to one hour or 7 innings, whichever comes first. The umpire reserves the right to shorten the game by stating that the next inning will be the last. Any games in a tie will remain as such. Game times will be 6:15 pm, 7:15 pm, or 8:15 pm.
 7. The slaughter rule will be in effect and will be used to end a game. After 5 innings have been completed and a team is losing by 10 or more runs the game will be called.
 8. Home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to the game. Each team's captain should report to the umpire for this purpose. Winner of the coin toss shall have their choice of Home or Visitors.
 9. Players will start with a ONE BALL AND ONE STRIKE COUNT. Two foul balls will constitute a strikeout.
 10. No intentional walks are allowed. When a male is walked, the female next in the batting order automatically walks.
 11. Metal spikes are not allowed. All players must wear shoes.
 12. Softballs supplied by the Oak Brook Park District will be used for games. Each team must supply its own legal softball bat, practice balls, and

- gloves. The bats must be marked Certified ASA, also the markings need to be placed on the bats by the manufacturer. The bats are subject to check by the umpire, practice balls and gloves must be supplied by the team.
13. Women may wear gloves at any position. Men may wear gloves if they are pitcher or catcher.
 14. No Stealing is allowed.
 15. A Base runner is allowed to move off the base once the **ball makes contact with the bat or crosses the plate.**
 16. A runner may slide into a base, however, any intentional collisions will result in an out and ejection from the game. It is the runner's responsibility to avoid collisions with the fielder.
 17. Substitutions must be male for male and female for female. All substitutions must be reported to the opposing team before they begin playing.
 18. Pitching: The pitcher's pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball leaves his/her hand. Pitching arc will stay between 6' minimum and a 12' maximum. Pitchers must pitch underhand.
 19. Please remember that this is a RECREATIONAL LEAGUE. Poor sportsmanship and arguing will not be tolerated. The umpire or the on-site supervisor may eject players and fans from the game or premises at any time.
 20. There will be no score-keepers, there will be an on site supervisor. It will be the team captain's responsibility to report the score to the on-site supervisor.
 21. All umpire decisions are FINAL. There will be NO protests.

Forfeits and Cancellations

1. Game time = start time. A team will forfeit a game if it cannot field 9 players from its existing roster by the scheduled game time. The 6:15 game has a five minute grace period. The umpires watch is the official clock.
2. The Park District has a Lightning Detection System that alerts park users when conditions are right for lightning. When the alarm sounds (1 long, 15-second blast) the fields must be evacuated and everyone must seek shelter immediately. If 5 complete innings have been played, game results will stand as is. If 5 complete innings have not been played, players, scorers and ump's will wait for 10 minutes from the time the alarm sounded for the all clear signal (3 short blasts). If the all-clear signal does not sound in those 10 minutes, the game will be called off and rescheduled for another night. If after 20 minutes from the original alert the all clear has not been given the remaining games will be forfeited and rescheduled for another time.
3. Games canceled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled as field availability allows. We have a rainout hotline that allows participants to check the field conditions each day. **The Park District will determine by 3:00 pm on game day if the scheduled games are to be played.** Please do not call before 3:00pm there will be no decision made at that time. The phone number for the rainout hotline is 630.645.9552. Please Note: We set this mailbox up not to take messages. It will only give information.

If inclement weather occurs after 3:00 pm, it is each team's responsibility to keep checking the hotline for further information. If a game needs to be canceled after 6:00 pm, it will be canceled either by the on-site supervisor or the umpire prior to its regular starting time. The on-site supervisor will also update the hotline for all other games that day.

4. **Captains:** If your team needs to forfeit a game, you must call Chris Piasecki Recreation Supervisor, at 630-645-9529 by 3:00 pm on game day so that your opponent can be contacted. If you do not call by 3:00 pm, a \$25.00 fee will be assessed to the team. This fee must be paid before your team is allowed to play the next game.