

Flagler County Parks & Recreation

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MEN'S SOFTBALL RULES

The ASA pitching arc is 6' – 12'

ASA rules will prevail with the following exceptions:

- 1 Teams may start the game with nine (9) players without penalty. A forfeit will be declared if a team cannot field nine (9) players ten (10) minutes after scheduled start time. Three (3) forfeits and the team is disqualified from the league. There are no refunds.
- 2 Players arriving late may be added to the lineup or used as substitutes. When added to the lineup they will be placed last in the batting order (limit 12 Players).
- 3 If a team losses a player from the lineup during the course of a game for a valid reason, there is no penalty, the team must have a minimum of nine (9) players to continue the game
- 4 A **courtesy runner** will be allowed for a player. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out
- 5 The **Mercy rule** will be 20 runs after three innings, 15 runs after four innings and 10 runs after five innings.
- 6 Teams may bat 12 players.
- 7 In the 7:00 pm game of a doubleheader no inning may start after 8:30 pm unless the game is tied.
- 8 Players must be **18 years old at the start of the season.**
- 9 Metal cleats are prohibited.
- 10 On a missed swinging strike the ball is dead. Base runners **may not** advance and the catcher must return the ball directly to the pitcher.
- 11 Base runners can leave/steal after the pitch passes the plate, hits the ground or the ball is hit.

- 12 The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook.
- 13 **Base burglar** will not be allowed.
- 14 **Batter** starts with 1-1 count
- 15 **Batter is out** with two (2) fouls after two (2) strikes. If foul fly ball is caught base runners may tag up and advance.
- 16 A three-foot **pitchers box** shall be in use. This box allows the pitcher to release the ball from 50 to 56 feet from home plate.
- 17 **Time out** will be called when the ball is in possession of a defensive player while on the dirt portion of the infield and there is no further play.
- 18 Bats listed by ASA as non-approved, may not be used in league play. See attached list. Penalty: Batter is out, Ball is dead & no Runner may advance.
- 19 An **ejection** for unsportsman like conduct immediately prior, during, or after a game will result in a one game suspension to be served for the next scheduled game which is played. If the league directors consider the conduct flagrant, further discipline will be invoked.
- 20 A player must be on an official league roster and only one. A player may **play on only one team. Penalty: Suspension from league play for the year.** Teams will be allowed no more than three (3) **Non *Flagler County** residents on their roster.
- 21 Division I – Each team is allowed three (3), five (5) or unlimited over the fence homeruns. The league limit is three (3) unless **both** teams agree to optional number limit prior to start of game.
Division II & III – Each team is allowed three (3) over the fence homeruns.
Penalty for over the limit – out
Clarification: In all divisions, on an over-the-fence homerun the batter-base-runner need only touch first base. All other base runners are **not** required to advance.

* There are some areas within Flagler County, such as Plantation Bay, that use an Ormond Beach mailing address. These residents are exempt from this rule

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