

City of Eureka  
Parks & Recreation Department  
**SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES**

League play is governed by the rules and regulations of the Amateur Softball Association except as noted herein:

**SECTION I**

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Players must sign the team roster before participation in the league.
2. Men's League – Player must be at least 17 years of age. High school students are ineligible for play. Women's League – Teams are allowed two high school students. Players must be at least 16 years of age.
3. Players may play for only **one** team.
4. A written request must be submitted to the Recreation Office if a player wishes to switch teams during the season. A player may switch teams only once.
5. Players must participate in at least **4 games** to be eligible for post season play.
6. Any person owing the City of Eureka money from a previous program is not eligible to participate.

**SECTION II**

**GAME RULES**

1. A written line-up must be provided to the official scorekeeper at least **five** (5) minutes prior to the game. A forfeit game can be declared if a lineup is not submitted by game time.
- 2.A. A team shall consist of ten players. However, a team may start a game with as few as eight players. If at any point a team is unable to field eight players, the game is declared a forfeit. **EXCEPTION:** The game will continue should a team fall below eight players **due to injury**.
- 2.B. A round-robin batting order can be used only if all eligible players are included. Only injured players can be withdrawn from the line-up. The re-entry rule will not apply when batting round-robin. Defensive substitutions can be made at any time.
- 2.C. Extra player rule:
  - a) An extra player (11 players) may be used. If the extra player position is used, it must be used the entire game.
  - b) The extra player must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
  - c) If an extra player is used, all eleven players must bat and any ten can play defense.
  - d) The re-entry rule applies when an extra player is used.
3. Games consist of seven innings. A new inning will not begin after one hour and ten minutes of play. **EXCEPTION: Games called or forfeited by the umpire.**
4. Women's League: should a team score ten (10) runs in a single inning the inning will be stopped and the opposing team brought to bat. **EXCEPTION: Final inning of play.**
5. Tie games will be extended no more than two (2) innings.
6. Tie games will be played off at season's end if the outcome effects first place.
7. A pitched ball landing on home plate or the mat is a strike.
8. The third strike rule is in effect at all games. A foul ball after a batter has two strikes is an out.
9. Courtesy Runners: are permitted in both the Men's & Women's League. (The last recorded out must be the designated courtesy runner.)
10. Pre-game infield practice will be limited to 5 minutes (2 ½ minutes per team). **No infield practice or warm-up pitches are allowed between innings.**
11. Metal or metal-tipped cleats are not allowed.
12. An inning cannot begin after 10:50 p.m.
13. All softballs will be provided by the City of Eureka.
14. Multi-wall, titanium alloy and teledyne alloy bats are illegal.
15. No smoking is allowed on the field of play or in the dug-out.
16. Any team trailing by 10 or more runs after 4 innings or one hour of play may choose to end the game.

### SECTION III

### FORFEIT GAMES

1. Any team forfeiting a game without first notifying the league coordinator during the office hours of (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) is required to pay a \$30 forfeit fine prior to its next scheduled game. This fine must be paid IN PERSON at the Adorni Center, 1011 Waterfront Dr. Failure to pay will result in automatic forfeiture of the succeeding game and an additional \$30.00 fine. (Phone 441-4245).
2. Any team forfeiting three (3) games is suspended from further league play and subsequently forfeits all league fees.
3. Any team using an ineligible player is required to pay a \$30.00 forfeit fine. If unpaid, the succeeding game will be forfeited. A second violation involving use of an ineligible player will result in suspension from the league.

### SECTION IV

### PROTESTS

1. Protests are received and considered only under the guidelines contained in the A.S.A. rule book. **EXCEPTION: Protests concerning player eligibility will be considered until the next scheduled game.**
2. A formal written protest along with a \$10.00 protest deposit must be submitted to the Recreation Office before the end of the next work day. The deposit will be returned only if the protest is upheld.

### SECTION V

### ROSTER ADDITIONS

1. Players may be added to the roster until the next to last game of the season. At that time, rosters will be frozen.
2. Men's League - An added player must first sign the roster. Once rostered, the player is ineligible for the next scheduled game. Failure to follow this process will result in forfeiture of games. **EXCEPTION: Each team will be allowed one emergency roster addition during the season in which the added player will be eligible immediately.**
3. Women's League – All players must sign the team roster prior to participating.
4. The \$10.00 non-resident fee must be paid when signing the roster.

### SECTION VI

### PLAYER CONDUCT

1. **EJECTIONS:** Any person ejected from a game may be suspended at least one game. Any person ejected from two games is suspended indefinitely from further league play.
2. Any person suspended from the league may also be suspended from future leagues.
3. The team manager, as listed on the team roster, is the **only** individual allowed to discuss decisions with game officials. A substitute may serve as team manager **only** when designated to officials prior to the game. Any player violating this rule will be immediately ejected.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct results in immediate ejection. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes:
  - a) Use of disconcerting acts or words to an opponent.
  - b) Derogatory remarks to officials or opponents.
  - c) Questioning or trying to influence officials' decisions.
  - d) Using insulting language or gestures.
  - e) Showing disgust with officials decisions.
5. Fighting may result in indefinite suspension.
6. Striking an official results in permanent suspension from Eureka Parks & Recreation Department programs.
7. Teams guilty of repeated unsportsmanlike conduct offenses may be suspended from the league.

### SECTION VII

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. City ordinance Chapter 6, Sec. 11-0.08 prohibits the possession of alcohol on City park property.
2. Players, managers, and coaches possessing alcohol at any time on City park property or adjacent parking lots, sidewalks, and streets, face immediate ejection from the facility and suspension from Eureka Parks & Recreation Department softball play.
3. Any player, manager, or coach considered to have consumed alcohol will be immediately ejected and face indefinite suspension.