

# **Bristol Parks and Recreation**

*2018 Adult Men's Softball League*

## **League By-Laws**

### **Registration**

- All *teams* must be signed up through Bristol Parks and Recreation to participate.
- All players must sign a Bristol Parks and Recreation waiver in order to participate (will be provided to players at their first game).
- No players under 18 are allowed on a team's roster.
- A player is only allowed to participate with a single team and cannot change teams once the season has started.

### **Game Play I**

- Certified umpires will be used as each game.
- ASA Rules / 6'-10' Pitch.
- **Five** over-the-fence home runs per team per game. Any additional homeruns end the inning and do not count. Do not run homeruns out.
- Teams **MUST** use **ASA** approved bats. Any team caught using a non-approved bat will be removed from the league without a refund.
- Batters come to plate with a 1-1 count, with **1 foul ball** to waste. Once a batter has two strikes, if he hits a foul ball, he is out.
- The mercy rule is in effect -- (20 runs after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5).
- League director(s) will provide game balls.
- Teams will flip a coin to determine who is home/away game one. Home/away will switch game two.
- A full game is seven innings. Tie games will be continued until a team wins.
- No grace period between games.
- In the event of inclement weather, a regular season game is official if the losing team has batted at least 3 times.

### **Game Play II**

- 1 courtesy runner per game (one person per game can be ran for by anyone on the bench).
- There is a double base at first base -- white base for defense and orange base for runner.
- No bunting.
- Teams must bat at least 10 players. There is no maximum number of players a team can bat.

- If a team only has 9 players, the 10th batter is an automatic out.
- No metal spikes.
- The hitting team is responsible for getting any homeruns and foul balls that they hit
- All teams must be paid in the full before their first game in order to play in the league.

## **Playoffs**

- All 8 teams make the playoffs.
- Playoffs will be a double elimination format.
- Playoffs game must be completed in full (unless mercy rule applies). If inclement weather causes the game to be postponed, the league director(s) will determine a make-up date and time.
- A player must play in at least one-third of a team's regular season games to participate in playoffs; league director(s) will do their best to monitor this. **Rosters will be collected no later than the end of of Week 5.** Players who join teams after this can be added onto rosters but will not be eligible for playoffs.

## **Sportsmanship**

- Sportsmanship is expected by players at all times.
- Treat the umpire and league director(s) with respect.
- Umpires and league director(s) have full discretion to eject a player from a game.
- Any player ejected from a game an umpire or league director will have to sit the next game.
- Any player ejected twice in the same season will forfeit his right to play in the Bristol Softball League and a refund will not be given.

## **Field Usage**

- In inclement weather, the league director(s) will determine is a field is unplayable.
- All players must be out of the park when the lights are turned off.
- Players are not allowed to do any maintenance on city fields.
- Keep dugouts clean and throw away all garbage.