

# Hillsboro Parks And Rec Men's Softball Rules

## Softball Game Rules Overview

### Prohibited Behaviors

- **Metal Cleats:** The use of metal cleats is strictly forbidden.
- **Behavior:** Any form of arguing or fighting will lead to immediate ejection from the game.

### I. Gameplay Regulations

#### A. Team Requirements

- **Minimum Players:** At least 8 players are required to start and continue a game.
- **Lineup Restrictions:** Unfilled 9th and 10th spots result in automatic outs.
- **Roster Size:** A maximum of 15 players is allowed per team roster.

### II. Game Mechanics

#### B. Timing

- **Grace Period:** A ten-minute grace period is permitted for the start of the first games.
- **Duration:** Games are capped at one hour and fifteen minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs first.

#### C. Tournament Format

- **Structure:** The competition will follow a Double Elimination Tournament format.

### III. Equipment and Playing Field

#### D. Field Setup

- **Ball Specifications:** 12-inch softballs are to be used.
- **Field Dimensions:** Bases are set 65 feet apart, with the pitching rubber 50 feet from home plate.

### IV. Playing Rules

#### E. Offense

- **Scoring Rules:** Run rules are 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- **Home Run Limit:** A limit of 5 home runs per team per game is enforced.
- **Bat Regulations:** Only bats approved by ISA/NSA/USSSA/ASA are allowed.

#### F. Administration

- **Line-Up Submission:** Line-ups must be given to the scorekeeper and the opposing team before the game starts.

#### G. Batting

- **Initial Count:** Each batter starts with a 1 and 1 count, plus one additional foul is allowed.

#### H. Prohibited Actions

- **In-Game Conduct:** Fake tags and stealing are strictly prohibited.