



**2010 DELHI PARKS AND RECREATION
SENIOR SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
SUMMER BY-LAWS**

RULE 1 - LEAGUE COMPOSITION

SECTION A - Team Roster Size

Each team will consist of no less than twelve (12) players. No restriction as to number of players on the roster. June 18, 2010 shall be the last date to add or transfer players. Exception: If the player can prove medical disability, they may be replaced but only for the remainder of the regular season. The new player is ineligible along with the medically disabled person for the league playoffs. A player must have appeared in at least 3 regular season games to be eligible for any playoff games. The individual player fees are not transferrable regardless of the circumstance.

RULE 2 - GAMES

SECTION A - Game Sites: Games will be played at Valhalla Park East Field and Kiwanis Park.

SECTION B - Game Schedule

1. Each team will play a minimum of twenty (20) games.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department will schedule make-up games.

SECTION C - Game Time and Length

1. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings at Valhalla and Kiwanis Parks. Game times at Valhalla are 6:15, 7:20, 8:25 and 9:30. Game times at Kiwanis are 6:15, 7:15.
2. Games will be scheduled for seven (7) innings.
3. A time limit of one (1) hour and 10 (ten) minutes will be placed on each game. No new inning shall start one hour and ten (10) minutes after the game's first pitch. Games called due to the time limit shall constitute a complete game regardless of the number of innings played. EXCEPTION: If the game is tied after seven innings or less and the time limit has expired, one extra inning will be allowed. If teams remain tied after the extra inning then the result of the game is a tie.

SECTION D - Game Rules; governed by A.S.A. with the following exceptions:

1. Sliding:
 - a. Players may slide into 2nd, 3rd and the scoring plate only, players may not slide into 1st base.
 - b. Players may slide or dive back to 1st, 2nd and 3rd base.
2. No metal spikes.
3. Infield balls are not permitted between innings.

4. Double first base will be used:
 - a. If a play is being made on the hitter running to first base, the hitter must touch only the orange bag. If he touches any portion of the white bag, he will be declared out.
If the player covering first base on the play, as described in the previous paragraph, touches any part of the orange bag, the runner is declared safe.
 - b. If the ball has passed the infielders by the time the hitter reaches first base, he is permitted to touch either and/or both bases. It is the responsibility of the defensive player to avoid any contact in this situation.
 - c. Once the batter becomes a base runner, the white base in fair territory is to be used.
5. All batters start with a full count, 4 balls and 3 strikes. Batters will **NOT** receive a grace foul ball with 2 strikes.
6. Pitching: Arc will remain 6 – 12'. A pitcher may pitch from or behind the mound as far back as 2nd base. The rule will be the same in which the pitchers pivot foot must be within the diameter of the pitching rubber.
7. Anyone on your team may serve as a designated runner (DR), but they may only serve as DR once per inning. If a player runs as DR more than once per inning and is caught by the umpire before that runner scores they will be declared out. If the runner scores the run counts and no out is declared.
8. Another substitute runner may not replace a player being used as a substitute runner unless he is injured and removed from the game.
9. The position of a player ejected from the game shall count as one out each time their position in the batting order is scheduled to hit. If a player is removed from the game as the result of an injury, that player's position shall not count as an out.
10. No tag plays at home. Each play will be treated as a force play.
 - a. Catcher is required to touch home plate for the force out. Runner attempting to score must not touch home plate but must cross the scoring home plate. Penalty: Runner is out if he touches home plate.
 - b. Second home plate - 3rd base foul line 5' to the 3rd base side of home plate. A player can be tagged out between 3rd base and commitment line. If runner is tagged after crossing the commitment line and before crossing the scoring plate, he will be declared safe. Defensive player with the ball must touch home plate prior to runner touching scoring plate to be considered an out.
11. The strike zone includes the home plate and a mat making the strike zone 17" x 28".
12. Teams have the option to bat their defensive players and anyone else on the bench. Teams do not have to bat everyone present at the game.

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SECTION E - Mercy Rule

1. A team leading by 15 after four (4) innings and 10 after five (5) innings of play shall be declared the winner and that game is considered complete.
2. "Five Run Mercy Rule" - A maximum of five runs per inning will be allowed by each team through the first four innings. After the fourth inning, regular scoring rules will apply, time permitting.

SECTION F - Game Balls: Delhi Parks & Recreation will provide one new & one used ball.

SECTION G – Ties in League Standings

If there is a tie at the end of the regular season for first place, a single game playoff will be held to determine the league champion. If more than two teams are tied, first round opponents will be determined by draw. If there is a tie for second place, head-to-head competition will determine which team receives the runner-up trophy. If the teams split in head-to-head competition, the least number of runs allowed in head-to-head competition will be the determining factor. The least number of runs allowed for the season will be used next and finally a coin flip if necessary.

RULE 3 - PLAYERS

Eligibility - **For the 50 & over league, a player must turn 50 before December 31st of the current year. Teams may have only one 49 year old on their roster.**

For the 60 & over league, a player must turn 60 before December 31st of the current year. Teams may have only one 59 year old on their roster

RULE 4 - INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather (i.e. rain), the Parks & Recreation Department has a voice-mail system (sports information number) in which players may call to find out the status of their game. The voice mail message will be made at 4:30p.m. (no earlier and no later) the day of the game in question. If the 6:15p.m. game is canceled, all subsequent games will also be canceled.

**DELHI PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS INFORMATION NUMBER
694-3433 after 4:30pm or visit www.cancellations.com**