



**2011 DELHI PARKS AND RECREATION
SENIOR SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
FALL 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. September 2, 2011 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. Game schedules are provided by the Parks and Recreation Department and 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, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15. Game times at Kiwanis are 6:15, 7:15 and beginning last week in August game times are 5:45 & 6:45pm. At Kiwanis Park, the 2nd game will be considered a regulation game regardless of the number of innings completed. The team ahead at the conclusion of the last complete inning will be considered the winner. The umpires will determine when the last inning will be based upon darkness. If darkness settles in during an inning and umpires declare it too dark to play then revert back to the last inning to declare a winner. If the score is tied then the game will be considered a tie at Kiwanis Park.
2. Games will be scheduled for seven (7) innings.
3. A time limit of one (1) hour will be placed on each game. No new inning shall start one hour 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. The international rule will be applied. The last batter of the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base at the beginning of the inning. A substitute runner may not be used until the runner gets to 3rd base (**60 & over league** only. If teams remain tied after the extra inning then the result of the game is a tie.
4. No games will start prior to the scheduled starting time unless both team managers agree to the earlier starting time.

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SECTION D - Game Rules

Games will be played under the Senior Rules as published by A.S.A. with the following exceptions:

1. Sliding:
 - a. Players may slide into 2nd, 3rd base, players may not slide into 1st base or scoring plate.
 - 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 stationed in fair territory is to be used.
5. All batters start with 4 balls and 3 strikes. Batters do not receive a grace foul ball with 2 strikes.
6. Pitching: Arc is 6-12 feet. A pitcher may pitch from or behind the mound as far back as 2nd base. 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.
 - a. A runner who is replaced with a courtesy runner may not be used as a courtesy runner for the remainder of the inning. Violation, runner will be called out.
 - b. A courtesy runner may not run for an existing courtesy runner except for injury.
 - c. A courtesy runner whose turn at bat comes while on base will be called out as the base runner and take their turn at bat.
 - d. Another substitute runner may not replace a player being used as a substitute runner unless he is injured and removed from the game.
8. 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.
9. 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 touch scoring plate not home plate. Runner is out if they touch 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 out.

10. The strike zone includes the home plate and a mat making the strike zone 17" x 28".
11. 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.

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 apply.

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.

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