

Riverfront Softball League Conduct and Standard Rules

The Riverfront Softball League is a recreational league is dedicated to providing the girls a fun and safe environment. To that end the League expects a certain level of conduct in order to foster an enjoyable and learning atmosphere for the players, coaches and fans.

1. All players and coaches will exercise good sportsmanship towards umpires, the other teams' coaches and players and fans.
2. The umpire will be treated with courtesy and respect.
3. No inappropriate language or behavior will be tolerated by coaches, players or fans.
4. Disputes with an umpire's call should be handled politely and professionally.
5. The Head Coach for a team is responsible for the behavior of the assistant coaches, his/her players and the parents of the players.
6. A coach, player or fan ejected from a game will receive the following punishment:
 - a. First Offense – One (1) game suspension. The person may not attend the game, including watching from the parking area.
 - b. Second Offense – Suspended/Banned until the person meets with the Softball Commissioners from Burlington City, Corpus Christi, Delanco, Edgewater Park and Riverside.
 - c. Any coach, player or fan ejected from a game due to violent behavior will be suspended until the individual meets with the league commissioners for a final ruling.
 - d. Any coach or player that is ejected from a game (1st or 2nd offense) will be barred from coaching or playing on any District All-Star Team for that year.

7. Parents are expected to behave appropriately and show good sportsmanship. Parents must also obey directions from coaches and umpires. Any parent behaving inappropriately will receive a warning and if the conduct continues will be ejected from the game.

Standard Rules

The Standard Rules are the rules that apply to all levels of play. In addition, each age group has its own set of rules which are listed separately.

1. No jewelry may be worn. Medical Alert bracelets may be worn if taped.
2. Players must wear cleats.
3. All players will bat in order. Coaches will trade batting orders prior to the game.
4. The home team will provide 2 new game balls for each home game.
5. All players will bat. If a player is going to arrive late, the coach will inform the opposing coach and upon arrival the player will be added to the end of the batting order.
6. The 8u and 10u age groups may play with a maximum of 10 fielders. Four outfielders will be used. The 12u, 14u and 16u age groups will play with 9 players in the field. **A team must have a minimum of 7 players to play an official game.** A team with 8 players will record an out when the 9th batting position is due to bat. A team with 7 players will record outs when the 8th and 9th batting positions (2 outs) are due to bat.

7. Catchers must wear all the catching equipment. (Face mask with neck protection, chest protector, leg guards, cleats and glove)
8. Outfielders may not cover base, except for the 14 and 16u age groups.
9. All batters and base runners must wear helmets with face masks and chin straps.
10. Safety bags must be used at first base.
11. No men's bats, baseball or slow pitch bats will be used.
12. The play is considered over when the pitcher has control of the ball inside the pitching circle. Once this has occurred a player on a base may not leave the base until the ball is put back into play (based on what is appropriate to the level of play). If a player is not on base at the time pitcher controls the ball inside the circle, the player must immediately either go to the next base or return to the base they just past. This is commonly referred to as the "Look Back" rule. Here are the key elements of the "Look Back rule":
 - A. The pitcher must have control of the ball inside the circle.
 - B. A base runner not on base must immediately proceed to the next base or return to the last touched base.
 - C. A base runner on a base may not leave that base.
 - D. A batter-runner (from a base hit or walk) can turn at first towards 2nd base at which point she must then immediately proceed to 2nd or return to 1st.
 - E. If a pitcher makes a play on a base runner, including a fake throw, the LBR is nullified.
13. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in the same inning the pitcher must be removed for the rest of the inning. If a pitcher hits 3 batters during the course of the game the player must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game. A hit batter is at the discretion of the umpire.
14. A pitch that hits the ground is a live ball (the batter can swing at the pitch). When a pitch hits the ground and then hits the batter, the

batter is awarded first base (at the umpire's discretion). The pitcher will be charged with a hit batter if the batter is awarded first base.

15. Batters may not throw the bat after a hit. The umpire will issue a warning to both teams on the first occurrence. The batter will be called out any time after that warning.
16. A team must give 24 hours notice when cancelling a game. The exception to this rule is cancellation due to weather in which case a team must give 2 hours notice.
17. Rainouts **must be scheduled** within 2 weeks otherwise the game will be forfeited.
18. Any rule not covered by our league rules defaults to Babe Ruth Rules.
19. It is the winning team's responsibility to contact his/her Commissioner to report the score of the game.