

HIGHLAND MEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Current USSSA Rules in force, except as modified herein.
- 2) Each batter begins with a 1-1 count when coming to bat. No courtesy fouls. A strike mat will be used to determine balls and strikes. Pitching arc is 6'-12' (from ground, not release).
- 3) Age Limit – High School and up.
- 4) Time limit – After 55 minutes, all remaining innings will have a “3-2” count for each batter. In case of inclement weather or other factor, 4 innings constitutes a complete game.
- 5) Minimum of 8 players required to start and finish a game. Late players may be added to the bottom of the lineup at any time to make the lineup become 10.
- 6) Loss of player – If an injury forces a player to leave the game with no substitute available, that spot in the batting order becomes an automatic out the next time up. After that, the lineup closes and no out will be assessed. If a team loses a player due to an ejection and no replacement is available, that spot is an automatic out for the remainder of the game.
- 7) Courtesy Runners – Limited to 1 per inning. Additional courtesy runners must be approved by the opposing coach. Umpire must also be notified. Courtesy runner must be the player who made the most current previous out.
- 8) Balls: Each team is given a case of balls at the start of the season and is responsible for providing a softball to the opposing pitcher each game. If additional balls are needed, they are to be the EXACT BALLS THAT ARE ISSUED (DUDLEY THUNDER HEAT SYNTHETIC WS12SP 12 INCH YELLOW-CLASSIC M-USSSA .40 325) and are the responsibility of your team.
- 9) No metal, steel or steel tip spikes of any kind allowed.
- 10) Bats must NOT exceed 1.20 BPF.
- 11) Home Run Rule – 1 per team, per inning. Any additional home runs are ruled as an out.
- 12) Base Running – Runners may leave after batter's contact with ball is made. No lead offs.
- 13) Run Rules – 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5. If a short game occurs, winner is declared, but if both teams consent, game play can continue the duration of the hour.
- 14) Umpires decision is final. If a call is in question, the umpire may ask help from players, but please respect the umpire at all times. Umpire has complete discretion to sit a player down or impose penalties or suspensions. **Maintaining a family and uplifting atmosphere is priority.**
- 14) POOR SPORTSMANSHIP, PROFANITY, DRINKING OR SMOKING ON THE FIELD or DUGOUT IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES! (ZERO Tolerance on these issues)

15) Per VFW Regulations, no drinks of ANY KIND are to be brought on the premises. Part of the agreement to keep our cost low is that we utilize the concession stand provided

Contact the commissioner, Matt Embry (618.581.6503) with any questions.

Additional copies of the rules can be found at: www.mosaichighland.com/softball