



All Pointe Athletics league games will be regulated in accordance with the current USSSA Official Slow Pitch Rule book and National By-laws, with the following modifications and clarifications. The Keller Pointe reserves the right to add, delete or amend the rules and regulations or policies for the betterment of the program.

I. League

1. Adult Softball at The Keller Pointe is a Recreation League
2. All Games will be played at The Keller Sports Park - 265 Golden Triangle Boulevard, Keller, TX 76248

II. Equipment/ Uniforms

1. Playing Jerseys are requested but not required for individuals to play
2. Closed toed shoes/ cleats are required
3. Metal cleats are not permitted
4. **NO JEWELRY MAY BE WORN AT ANY TIME DURING A GAME**
5. Medical braces with exposed metal may be considered legal if covered by a soft material and taped
6. Bats must be aluminum and have a permanent USSSA Mark (USSSA thumbprint mark)
7. Officials may ban any equipment they deem unsafe or illegal
8. All teams will be required to use softballs provided by The Keller Pointe at the first game of the season
 - a. Teams will provide their game balls for each following game of the season
9. Scorekeepers, scoring equipment, field equipment and officials will be provided by The Keller Pointe

III. Player Eligibility/ Rosters/ Lineups

1. All participants in adult leagues must have attained the age of sixteen (16) years prior to the first game.
2. Up to fifteen (15) players may be added on a roster
3. Team rosters must be filled out completely and submitted to the score keepers/ umpires prior to the start of the first game of the season
 - a. Failure to do so may result in forfeit or suspension
 - b. Any player who signs the roster before the first game is eligible to play
4. Finalizing Roster:
 - a. Players may be dropped and added to the official roster until the beginning of the third game of the season
 - b. Official rosters will be held by The Keller Pointe scorekeeping staff
5. Lineups
 - a. Complete lineups must be turned into the umpire 5 minutes prior to the start of the game
 - b. Five male and five female players must be in the lineup at all times (six and six if A.H. is used). A minimum of 8 players (4 men and 4 women) can start a game with no outs taken. **However, an out shall be declared when there are more males than females in a lineup.** A player may be added to the vacant position any time before the end of the game
 - c. Accepted Co-ed Lineup Modifications
 - i. 8 players - 4 men and 4 women
 - ii. 10 players - 5 men and 5 women
 - iii. 12 players – 6 men and 6 women

IV. Scheduling

1. The Recreation Department will schedule all regular season games through the Team Sideline application
2. **Inclement Weather**
 - a. If make-up games are scheduled, game times may be shortened to accommodate the completion of the league
 - b. In case of inclement weather, **TEAM MANAGERS** may contact The Keller Pointe Customer Service desk at (817) 743-4386 after 1:00 pm on the day of the game to see if games have been cancelled
3. Regular Season
 - a. If there are more than 10 teams registered for the season, The Keller Pointe reserves the right to hold a Seeding Week. This will determine what division each team will play in (North or South). The first week will not count towards the overall standings and playoff eligibility will be determined from 7 games.

V. Playing Rules

1. Teams should be present at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME**
2. Players cannot play on two teams in the same league
3. Teams will provide game balls for each game of the season
4. Warm-up before or during the game is only permitted in designated areas
5. A player's back foot CAN NOT be in front of home plate until the pitch is released
6. Only one batter allowed on deck
7. **Run rules** are as follows: 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5
8. A game is considered official if it is called after 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead
9. Home and visitor will be determined by coin toss (ect.) before the game. During play-offs, higher seeded team will be home team.
10. Smoking on the playing field or in the dugout is NOT permitted

11. Teams are responsible for cleaning up the dugout after their game ends
 - a. This includes equipment, trash, and any personal items/ lost and found
 - b. Any items that are left, and pick up by city staff, will be located at The Keller Pointe
12. Players, Coaches, Manager, or Team Attendants shall NOT be allowed to participate while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs
13. **Men's:**
 - a. A minimum of 9 player can start a game. However, an out shall be declared when the 10th position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A 10th player may be added to the vacant position any time before the end of the game
14. **Co-ed:**
 - a. Men will hit the 12" ball and women will hit the 11" ball. All rules concerning co-ed play will be adhered to as outlined in the USSA rule book
 - b. Coed teams may score up to 8 runs per inning. After the eighth run, teams change sides. Scoring can be played as normal play if both teams agree at the plate
15. **Batting:**
 - a. Offensive teams must alternate the batting line-up according to gender. If a player leaves the game for any reason their substitute must be of the same gender
 - b. All batters will begin with one ball and one strike count. A courtesy foul is not allowed
 - c. All Games are scheduled as seven (7) innings or 50 minutes time limit. Any game still tied after the end of the 7 innings or when time expires will play extra innings with a 3-2 count
16. **Time Limit:**
 - a. No new inning will start after 50 minutes of play. Time will stop if a serious injury occurs and judgment of the umpire is final. The official start time is noted in the scorecard and established by the umpire
17. **Home Runs**
 - a. Home run rule is 3 and 1 up **out** rule - Once both teams hit 3 homeruns each, any team can hit 1 homerun that allows the other team the opportunity to hit 1. Any homeruns hit by the same team will count as an **out** until the opposing team hits a homerun. For clarification, please speak with the umpire
18. **Tiebreakers**
 - a. Ties for first and second place will be broken as follows:
 - i. Winning Percentage
 - ii. Head to head
 - iii. Head to head Differential
 - iv. Common Opponents
 - v. Strength of schedule
 - vi. Total Runs Differential
 - vii. Lowest Number of Forfeits
 - viii. Coin Toss
 - b. After first place team has been determined, revert back to i. (above) to determine second place for remaining tied team
 - c. All Tie Breakers will be computed by the Team Sideline application, excluding a Coin Toss
19. **Middle Rule**
 - a. If a batted ball hits a defenseless pitcher and the "middle" rule is invoked, the umpire will take up the bat for the remainder of the game. For the "middle rule" to be in effect, the pitcher must be in contact with the pitching box
20. **Insurance**
 - a. Teams must provide their own insurance coverage if they so desire
21. **Awards**
 - a. Individual shirts will be awarded to 1st place

VI.

CONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Keller Pointe has a zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach, player or spectator before, during or after a game. This includes but is not limited to: booing, shouting at the officials, or arguing any call. Expressing any negative behavior or comments, threats or obscene gestures to players, coaches or officials is also unacceptable and may result in ejection.

1. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from any league game is suspended for a minimum of three (3) league games
2. Officials, scorekeepers, and league manager has authority to ask a parent, spectator or participant to leave the facility
3. Players, coaches, and spectators who have been suspended must leave the complex and may not return until the completion of their suspension
4. Each teams coach is held responsible for the conduct of their spectators and team participants
5. No player, coach or spectator shall interfere with the scorekeepers/officials. Any concerns regarding the scorekeepers/officials must be brought to the Recreation Specialist or Supervisor
6. No fighting is allowed. First offense is a suspension for the rest of the season, second offense results in one-year loss of eligibility in all league play or indefinite suspension if deemed severe
7. Suspensions carry over from season to season

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