

## City of Westminster 2024 House Rules

- Bat boys/girls MUST wear a batting helmet
- No alcohol in the dugouts/on the fields. No outside alcohol allowed anywhere in the complex
- No warm up except in designated areas (grass)
- Rosters remain open all season for Spring season (players cannot be added if in the same league, the same night)
- For safety the City recommends not wearing jewelry, do so at your own risk
- Must run to the orange base on any single
- No metal cleats. Similarly, colored shirts, with numbers recommended
- 55 minute game times
- For teams that are short players: 10 minute running clock for first game, 5 minutes for all subsequent games, if teams don't have enough players after the specified time limit game will be ruled a forfeit
- Mercy Rule: Up by 15 runs after 4 complete innings **OR** 40 minutes played, up 10 runs after 5 complete innings played
- Home runs: Comp = 3, Upper = 2, Lower = 1, **No one up rule... Shag your own softballs to help keep them in play**
- Home Runs over limit – any over-the-fence home run that is hit after the max allowed for the division will be counted as a **single out**
- Must start game with 8, may play any 10 in the field, **may bat up to 12 (previously 14)**. Any subs teams plan to play later in the game must appear on the original lineup card at the bottom
- Players standing outside the dugout when their team is up to bat (other than base coaches and on deck batter) if they remain after a warning, the batter will be called out
- Coed: Must have 4 men, 4 women to start. Teams may have 2 more males than females, but will take out when batting or may opt to use a rotating lineup. Can only have 1 more male than female defensively