



ADULT SLOW PITCH RULES

1. SUPERVISION

- The League Administrator is the Brownsville Sports Park Upper Management.
- Team Managers and players of teams shall at all times be under the jurisdiction of the team manager or documented appointed agent(s) in all matters pertaining to the rules, eligibility, conduct and scheduling.
- The League Administrator or documented appointed agent(s) reserves the right to advance a team to the next higher league if such a need arises.
- **The winner in each league division will be required to advance to the next higher division if such division exists. NO EXCEPTION!**
- **IN ORDER TO MOVE DOWN A DIVISION, THE TEAM MUST BE RANKED AT ONE OF THE BOTTOM 2 PLACES OF THE CURRENT DIVISION FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS.**
- **ROSTER CHANGES WILL NO LONGER BE AN ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR MOVING DOWN DIVISIONS.**

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- All players must be 18 years of age. Any team violating this rule will forfeit the game immediately.
- Women are not permitted to participate in the Adult Men's Slow Pitch league regardless of division of league.
- Any player caught playing in more than one division in the Men's Slow Pitch league will be disqualified from the remainder of the season.

3. ROSTERS

- **Rosters must be turned in to the Home Umpire or Recreational Attendant by the 2nd league game. If a roster is not on file and an eligibility protest is filed against a team; it will be an automatic loss.**
- All players must be listed on the official team roster at the softball complex prior to the 2nd game they participate in.
- Rosters will be frozen after the 2nd game of the season. If you need to make any changes you can contact the B.S.P. office.
- **If a player is found to be playing on two teams (regardless of division) he will be suspended for a calendar year.**

4. PROTEST

- All protests must be made known to the umpires immediately before or during a game. No protest will be accepted once the game concludes.
- There is \$100 protest fee that **MUST** be paid at the time protest is known.
- A protest, other than eligibility, must be made to the umpire at the time of question and must be recorded on paper.
- Any team using players proven to be ineligible will forfeit game to the opposing team.
- In order for an illegal player to be ineligible he must have played an inning.
- In case of a protest, the burden of proof will rest with the team filing the protest.
- All protests must be presented in writing.
- **PROTESTS REGARDING JUDGEMENT CALLS MADE BY THE UMPIRES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**



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5. CONDUCT

- **ANY PLAYER WHO USES PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST AN UMPIRE SHALL OR ANY OTHER PERSON(S) DURING LEAGUE PLAY WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY FROM LEAGUE PLAY AND THE SOFTBALL COMPLEX. THE SPORTS PARK OFFICE WILL DETERMINE THE SUSPENDED PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE INDIVIDUAL(S).**
- Any player who uses fraud or undue profanity will be suspended from the league until the proper hearing is held with the violator in attendance, at which time either (a) the player will be allowed back in the league, or (b) the player will be suspended for an amount of time determined by the Parks and Recreation Department, depending upon the severity of the infraction.
- The Brownsville Sports Park Upper Management or appointed agent(s) has the authority to suspend a player, coach or team manager for flagrant rule violations and player, coach or manager will remain suspended until which time he or she appears before the manager or appointed agent(s).
- **Any player, coach or team manager EJECTED from a game will AUTOMATICALLY be suspended from playing or coaching for 2 games. Upon ejection, said player or coach will be required to leave the Softball Complex immediately. Any player returning to the complex after being ejected will be suspended indefinitely.**
- The Brownsville Sports Park Upper Management representative and/or the umpire have the authority to remove an unruly fan if deemed necessary.
- The Umpire, Brownsville Sports Park Department representatives or appointed agent(s) will report any players, coaches, team managers or fans involved in fights or other misconduct following a game. Resulting actions may include forfeits and/or suspensions.
- The Umpire, Brownsville Sports Park Department representative or appointed agent(s) may declare a team, player, coach, team manager, or fan(s) unfit to participate in a game due to their behavior (i.e., excessive drinking, abusive language and/or unruly conduct). Again, resulting actions may include forfeits and/or suspensions. In these matters there will be no case of appeal.

6. UNIFORMS

- All Leagues will require shirts similar in color, logo and affixed with a 6" permanent number by 4th game, specific date will be posted on the website www.teamsideline.com/brownsville. No duplicate numbers. No tape or permanent marker will be allowed.

7. PITCHERS

- ALL pitchers are required to wear faceguard during league play (NO EXCEPTIONS)

8. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Teams may start a game with at least seven (7) players and players may be inserted in to the bottom of the batting lineup as they show up. For those teams with 7 players, batter's 8, 9, and 10 will not be marked as outs (after the 7th batter, batter 1 will follow in the lineup). An out will no longer be taken each time a missing player would have batted.
- You are able to implement up to 12 batters in the line-up only as designated hitters
- **There will be a 10 (ten) minute grace period for first game slot of the night only. If it is a 7pm game, time will be started at 7:05pm, meaning your game will be only 50 minutes in length.**
- All games will be 7 innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first.



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- 20 run rule will be in effect after 3 innings
- 15 run rule will be in effect after 4 innings
- 10 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings
- In the event of a tie, the last person out at the prior inning will be placed on 2nd base and game will continue with one pitch until there is a winner.

****NOTE: ONE PITCH MEANS YOU ONLY HAVE ONE PITCH TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO AT THE PLATE. YOU EITHER GET A BALL AND WALK OR SWING AND PUT THE BALL IN FAIR PLAY (A FOUL BALL CONSTITUTES AN OUT). ALSO FOR THE LAST OUT, IF YOU INSERT THE WRONG RUNNER (ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTE) IT CAN BE CALLED AN OUT AFTER AN APPEAL AND PLAY HAS OCCURRED, NOT JUST AFTER A PITCH.**

- Home team will be decided on your schedule.
- An approved 12" Blue Stitch Brownsville Sports Park USSSA Stamped Softball will be used for all league games any other hit ball will result in an out!
- Warm-up pitches will be allowed at the start of the game and for each new pitcher. No other warm-up pitches will be allowed between innings.
- Line-ups must be turned in to the head umpire.
- Substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire. Violations of the substitution rule will be handled as a protest when brought to the attention of the umpire.
- The playing captain or team manager is the only team representative who may approach the umpire concerning rule interpretations. The captain or team manager should be designated to the umpires before the game starts.
- Only baseball caps, non-plastic visors and headbands are allowed. Official helmets may be worn by the Pitcher, Catcher, Batter and Base Runner.
- **No jewelry of any kind will be allowed during any game. Players are asked to remove all jewelry prior to game time.**
- Shoes must be worn by all players. Soles must be smooth or have rubber cleats; no metal cleats will be allowed, no exceptions.
- If, in the judgment of the umpire, a bat-throwing incident was unnecessary, the player will be ejected from the game.
- No gloves or other equipment should be left outside the dugout, on top of the dugout or hanging on the fence.
- There will be no smoking allowed at the Softball Complex.
- **No alcohol of any kind may be consumed inside the softball complex. Any infringement of this rule will result in the individual being ejected from the complex**
- Only players, managers, coaches and scorekeepers of the teams playing are permitted to be on the playing field and dugout.

9. **PITCHERS BOX RULE**

- A pitcher's box will be used that extends each side of the rubber
- All runners must return to their previous bases in these occurrences
- Any ball considered a hazardous safety issue by the umpire that is hit up the middle through the box, WHETHER IN THE AIR OR ON THE GROUND, will be declared a dead ball out.
- If the ball hits the chalk or the line the ball will be declared dead and the batter will be out
- It does not matter if the pitcher is in the box when the ball is hit through it; the ball will still be declared dead and the batter will be out
- As soon as the ball goes through the box the umpire will verbally declare the dead ball, batter is out



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- THE UMPIRE'S RULING IS FINAL AND UNDISPUTABLE ON ANY BALL HIT THROUGH THE PITCHER'S BOX.
- Any player who repeatedly questions an umpire's dead ball ruling on a ball hit up the middle will be subject to ejection and or suspension.
- Any player that hits a ball through the box twice within the same game will be ejected from the game. Any player that gets ejected from 2 games for hitting the ball up the middle through the box will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- Any player/manager that touches, grabs or threatens an umpire will be suspended for a minimum of 1 calendar year.

10. HOME RUN RULE

- **ALL MEN'S DIVISIONS ARE ALLOWED 2 HOME RUNS PER INNING. HIT & SIT**

11. COURTESY RUNNERS

- Only one courtesy runner per inning may be used. The courtesy runner will be the last recorded out. If it is the first inning of the game, no courtesy runner may be used until an out is recorded. If the courtesy runner is still on base when his turn to bat comes up, the original base runner can take the place on base with no penalty.

12. FORFEITS

- If you know ahead of time that your team is going to forfeit a game, please call or email the Brownsville Sports Park Office who will then notify the other team manager.
- Forfeit of three (3) league games will automatically disqualify a team for the remainder of the season. All remaining games to be played will be forfeited and no refunds will be made.

13. RAINOUTS

- In case of inclement weather please check our Brownsville Sports Park website www.teamsideline.com/brownsville
- After 6 pm, it will be the umpires' discretion to make that call at game time.
- If umpires cancel the first games of the night or any games in progress, all successive games are cancelled.

14. SCHEDULES & MAKE-UP GAMES

- All schedules will be posted online @ www.teamsideline.com/brownsville
- It is the intent of the Brownsville Sports Park Office to schedule make-up games on respective league nights; however, it may become necessary to schedule games on other nights if the number of make-ups becomes excessive.
- Games cancelled will be made up at the discretion of the Brownsville Sports Park.

15. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE WINNERS

- League Administrator will make final decision on how a tiebreaker will be determined based on the following criteria:
 - win – loss record in head-to-head play
 - run differential
- Tiebreakers can be added at the discretion of the League Director. Coin flips can be used if needed.