



## Fairmount Park Women's Softball League - Fall Ball Rules 2017

The Fall Ball League will be governed by the current official slow pitch softball rules as adopted by the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA), with the following exceptions.

### 1. Game Times and Field Location

- a. Sundays only: **9:00AM, 10:10AM, 11:20AM, 12:30PM, 1:40PM, 2:50PM**
- b. Season starts Sunday, 9/17/17 thru Sunday, 11/5/17.
- c. All games will have a 1 hour game time limit.
- d. No forfeits - teams can use subs. All team players must be in game before sub can play.  
Pitching position will be the only exception to use a sub when team has enough players to a field team.
- e. Field location – Blue Bell Park located on West Walnut Lane and Johnson Streets (same as past seasons).

### 2. Minimum Number of Players

- a. Teams may begin with 1 less / 2 less as agreed by both teams. No penalty will be assessed to any team when batting less than 10 players.

### 3. League Roster – Roster will remain open for 3 weeks after season start date of 9/17/17.

- a. All players must have fee paid and signed league roster before playing in any game.
- b. The minimum age for League participation is 18 years old.
- c. All players who sign a roster will agree to the RELEASE FROM LIABILITY statement included on the form.
- d. The League Roster will remain open for 3 weeks after season start date of 9/17/17. Any late registrations will still be required to pay full \$36.50 league fee.
- e. Team Rep or Team Coach should submit a signed team Roster (a photo image is acceptable) on 1<sup>st</sup> day of Fall Ball (9/17/17) and each time a new player has been added to team Roster.

### 4. Playoff Eligibility - players must have fee paid and roster signed.

### 5. Umpires

- a. The umpire fee is \$32 per game; all umpire fees will be paid to umpires by the league.

### 7. Game Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

- a. The League will make game cancellation decisions due to inclement weather; a determination will be made by 7:30AM).
- b. Game status information will be available on the League hotline **610-225-4848**. Hotline will only be available September thru November.
- c. Once a game has begun, it can only be called by the umpire in charge.



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### 8. Umpires Authority

- a. The umpire will have complete control of all league games, and the responsibility to make final decisions about game status, player/spectator conduct on the field, and all other matters related to playing the game.

9. **Conduct** – Any player exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior risk suspension from and possible ejection from the League.

10. **Game Scores do not need to be communicated to league.**

11. **No Standings will be maintained during Fall Ball.**

12. **No games will be rescheduled during Fall Ball season.**

### FALL BALL RECREATIONAL SLOW PITCH RULES

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> base safety double bag is required.
2. Field Dimensions: Bases = 65 feet; Pitching = 50 feet.
3. Infield Fly Rule will be used.
4. Extra Players Rule will be used - Teams may bat 12 players; any 10 of those 12 may play in the field
5. Courtesy Runner: Does not have to be identified and can be any player in line up or on bench.
6. Open Substitution: Players may re-enter the game in a different position in the batting order.
7. Each batter will start with a 1/1 pitch count.
8. Third Strike Foul will be used with 1 courtesy foul.
9. No dropped third strike will be used.
10. Official Ball: the 12-inch – supplied by league
11. Mercy Rule: the 5 inning, 15 run rule will be used for all games.
12. Slide or Avoid Rule
  - a. When a base runner is approaching a base that is covered by a defender who has possession of the ball or is about to catch a thrown ball, the base runner must make every reasonable attempt to avoid contact with the defender.
  - b. If, in the umpire's judgment, contact is made that could have been avoided, the runner will be declared out and play stopped. Runners will be returned to the last base touched.
  - c. If the umpire believes this contact is flagrant, the offender shall be ejected; the umpire will be the final judge on whether or not the runner was trying to avoid the fielder; this rule is intended to reduce dangerous collisions between base runners and defenders.