





2010 CHURCH SOFTBALL GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES



A.S.A. Softball rules will be followed with the addition of the following Chaska Rules. I will have an official rulebook at the office if anyone would like to reference a rule.

1. The home team is responsible for obtaining and returning bases located in the brown/tan base box behind each field's backstop. The home team is also responsible for supplying the scorecard. The winning team is responsible for placing the scorecard in the box located on the west end of the shelter.
2. No metal cleats. No stealing. No bunting.
3. Games will last seven innings or one hour. **No new innings will begin after the 1 hour of game start time as written on the schedule.** Games can end in a tie.
4. When a team has the maximum number of 10 players on the field, 3 players must be women. If a team is short women, they must play short that number of men. * If you only have 3 women, you will have 7 men. If you have 2 women, you will have 6 men. If you have 1 women, you will have 5 men.* 1 woman must be on the field at all times. Players must be at least 14 years of age, or 12 with team manager's approval.
5. The first ten at-bat have to include **all members** of the opposite sex who are playing outfield, or field players. All players will take turns at bat regardless if there are ten or more.
6. The infield fly rule will not be enforced.
-  7. The arc of a pitched ball must be no lower than 6 feet from the ground and no higher than 10 feet from the ground. The home plate is dead and not a strike. Pitching distance may be at the discretion of the pitcher.
8. Please keep in mind that this is a recreational league and the emphasis will be on **having fun**.
9. All players must belong to the sponsoring church of the team they are playing on.
10. The team at bat provides the umpire for their half-inning. Each team is responsible for providing an umpire for playoffs.
11. Only rostered players are allowed to participate on the team. Use of any outside players without the opposing teams consent will result in an automatic forfeit. **Managers are required to have their team roster with them each game. Roster changes can be made in the Park & Rec office.**
-  12. Rain-outs: In the case of inclement weather, teams may call our office on game days after 4:00pm for information on rainouts. Please call 448-5633 then pres #4 for our rainout line, or tune into Chaska Cable Channel 14, or check the website for cancellations. In the case of inclement weather after 4:30pm, team managers must call each other to discuss whether to play the game or not. We will be looking at Sundays for rainout make up dates if we need them.
13. If you'd like to book a practice field, please check the website at www.chaskacommunitycenter.com for field availability, then call Jaime at 448-3176 x7748 or e-mail at jwiemann@chaskamn.com.