

## 2017 Eastchester/Pelham Women's Softball League Rules

Rules of play will be governed by the 2017 Official Softball Playing Rules as adopted by the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) with the following local exceptions:

1. **Results**: For all games played, the winning team must call in the results of the games (738-0153). You may call 24 hours a day and can leave a message on the machine if you call after hours. You may also email me the results at [recreation@pelhamrecreation.com](mailto:recreation@pelhamrecreation.com) .
2. **\*NEW for 2017: Official score card will be handed to home team. Each team is responsible for their teams score. Line up requires first and last names of each player. This will be the official score card. Upon completion of the game scorecard must be returned to the Umpire.**
3. **Game Time**: There is a 10-minute "Grace Period" however, once it is game time, the game must start as soon as both teams have nine (9) players.
4. **Protests**: All protests must be entered in the official score sheet (home team) prior to the next pitch. A written protest, accompanied by a \$25.00 fee must be filed with the League Director within two (2) working days of the game in question. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Managers are reminded that a protest can be lodged only on matters of rule interpretation.
5. **Ground Rules**: The manager, or his/her representative, is entitled to a complete explanation of the ground rules by the umpire prior to each game.
6. **Equipment**: Metal spikes are not allowed.
7. **Weather Conditions**: For games played in Eastchester, the Eastchester Recreation & Parks Dept. will make decisions on rainouts prior to 4:30pm. After 4:30pm the umpire will make the final decision. For games scheduled in Pelham you may call 914-738-0153. After 4:00 please call the hotline at 738-6644.
8. **Uniforms**: Uniforms are not required but it is recommended that all teams have game shirts with numbers on them.
9. **Forfeits**: Any team forfeiting two (2) league games shall be subject to expulsion from the league. The League Director will make the final decision.
10. **The 1 & 1 Count**: Every batter will start each at bat with the count of 1 ball & 1 strike. A batter is out when they hit a 2<sup>nd</sup> foul ball with two (2) strikes.
11. **Courtesy Runner**: Each team may have no more than two (2) courtesy runners. You must designate who needs a runner prior to the game. The only exception would be if the umpire witnesses an injury, then that person could also have a runner if the defensive team's manager agrees. The courtesy runner shall be the last **batted recorded** out in the book.

12. **Additional Hitter (AH)**: Each team has the option of listing an 11<sup>th</sup> batter in their starting lineup. If an AH is used, that player can switch positions during the game with any defensive player. The AH may be added to your lineup until you have batted through the lineup once. After that you may not add an AH. Any time you cannot bat the same number of players you started with, an out will be called in that spot. There must be a minimum of nine (9) players on the field at all times. No re-entry rule will be used.
13. **Slaughter Rule**: A (12) run rule is in effect anytime the trailing team has completed five (5) at bats. The slaughter rule will be waived for the Championship games but will be in effect for all other playoff games.
14. **Official Game**: A game will be official once the trailing team has completed 5 at bats. During the playoffs, all games must be completed.
15. **Rosters: Rosters will be frozen on July 1st.** Thereafter, additions may be made only for special cause and must be approved by the League Director. All players must be either 18 years or older. No player may participate on more than one team. Violations will result in forfeiture of game and possibly expulsion of the player and manager. **All players must play a minimum number of games (FOUR) in order to participate in the playoffs for the current season.**
16. **Code of Conduct**: Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in ejection from the game at the umpire's discretion. Anyone ejected from a game is automatically suspended from her next scheduled game. Anyone ejected from two games during a full season may be suspended for the entire season. **Possession of alcoholic beverages anywhere on Town Property is illegal. Violations may include suspension of individual players or entire teams.**
17. **Insurance**: Every player must sign the hold harmless waiver. The Towns of Eastchester and Pelham do not carry insurance to cover injuries that may occur to individuals in recreational athletic leagues. It is the responsibility of the team manager to notify his/her players regarding this matter.

**The Recreation Dept. reserves the authority to supersede any rule when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of our recreational philosophy.**