

10. Crash rule: A base runner coming into a base with the probability of a play must make every attempt to avoid a collision with the fielder. This rule applies at every base including home plate and does not require the runner to slide. The runner has three options: 1. Legal slide 2. Try to get around 3. Give themselves up. If the umpire determines that a player intended to & or flagrantly collided with a player, that player will be ejected from the game and may be suspended for the next two games.

11. Unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after the game will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to swearing, taunting, and fighting. Fighting is considered any attempt to hit, punch, kick, or injure an opposing player. The player will be ejected from that game & may be suspended for the following two games. In addition, the Athletics Coordinator will review the incident and further disciplinary action may be taken at his discretion. Action could include suspension or expulsion from the league without refund.

12. Abusive behavior or language directed toward an umpire before, during, or after a game will not be tolerated. In addition, the Athletics Coordinator will review the incident and further disciplinary action may be taken at his discretion.

13. If a player is ejected from a second game (in the same season) they will be expelled from the league.

14. When a player is ejected from a game, they must leave the facility immediately or their team will forfeit the game.

15. The captain of the team is responsible for the conduct of their players as well as their fans.

16. All ejections and suspensions will carry over into the playoffs.

17. Forfeit time is game time. In the event not all of your team is present at game time, the team short players will automatically become the visiting team. The game continues until the three outs are made or the team has batted around through to the spot in the line up they are short players. At this time the game is a forfeit.

18. A minimum of 8 players is needed to play. At game time, a team captain may agree to give the opposing team a player to meet the 8 player minimum & play the game as an official game. Once a player is given, the player stays on that team until the game is complete. Alternatively, the captain may choose to accept the forfeit and the teams may use the field as a practice field or play a practice game with no umpire.

19. If a team forfeits twice, they may be eliminated from the league for the remainder of the season without refund. If a team knows that they will be forfeiting, please contact the Athletics Coordinator prior to the scheduled game.

20. A maximum of 20 players will be allowed on the roster. Final team rosters must be turned in prior to the first game. ***It is the responsibility of the team to turn in a roster prior to the first game.***

21. During the playoffs all players will be required to have identification. If a player / roster is contested by another team and the person in question can not produce identification they will be considered an illegal player and the team will forfeit the game.

22. Co-ed teams must have a minimum of 5 females on the roster. Four females must be playing at all times. In the co-ed league, batters must alternate male and female. If the male is walked, the next batter also receives a walk if they desire. (If a team is using four females, they cannot have more than four males). In the co-ed leagues, the short center fielder must be in the grass at the time of the pitch. Defensive alignment will consist of the following a male & a female as pitcher & catcher, 2 males & 2 females in the infield, 2 males & 2 females in the outfield.

23. Each team is encouraged to keep score of the game on a scorecard. Each team should communicate with one another and the umpire between innings to confirm the score. Captains need to sign the official score sheet at the end of the game. If there is a disagreement between teams before, during, or after the game, the umpire's decision shall be final.

24. The slaughter rule is 12 runs at the end of 5 innings or 10 runs at the end of 6 innings, this does not apply in the playoffs.

25. There will be no lead offs in the 12" & 14" leagues.

26. Stealing is not permitted in any league.

27. Games may be rescheduled if the opposing team agrees to reschedule the game. Both team captains must submit their request in writing (email is preferred) to the Athletics Coordinator no later than ten days prior to the original game date. There will be a \$25 fee for all reschedules. Teams may not reschedule more than one game per season (exception- Friday DH may reschedule two). Playoff games may not be rescheduled.

28. Judgment calls cannot be protested.

29. Player eligibility may be protested. The Athletic Coordinator will keep team rosters. The protest must be submitted in writing with a nonrefundable protest fee of \$50 by 5:00 pm the next day. If the protest is upheld, \$25 will be refunded & \$25 will be lost as an administrative fee. ***If a team has failed to turn in a roster, the protest will be upheld & rules #29 & #30 will apply.***

30. If a team is caught with an ineligible player, they will forfeit the game regardless of the final score. If there is a second occurrence, the team will be ejected from the league without refund.

31. If a team is caught with an ineligible player, the team must pay a \$100 fine prior to their next game or forfeit the remainder of the regular season, post season and awards money.

32. There is a one-hour time limit on all league games (12", 14" & 16"). A new inning will not begin after one hour from the start of a game. Ties will be played out. The exception to this is the playoffs. There will be no time limit for playoff games.

33. If there is a tie, the following procedure will be used:

1. Head to head competition
2. Run differential of games played against each other
3. Record against first place team
4. Run differential against first place team
5. Total runs scored during the season
6. Total runs given up during the season

If there is a tie between more than two teams, the procedure will repeat itself after a team is eliminated.

34. Prize money will be awarded, please refer to the registration letter for exact amounts.

35. Awards & refund of forfeit fees will be distributed by check & issued within 10 days of the Championship game.

36. **Alcohol is not permitted at the Community Athletic Fields by anyone.** Any team violating this rule will forfeit the following game. A second occurrence will result in the team being expelled from the league.

37. Only players & coaches are allowed in the dugouts. The umpire will issue one verbal warning. Any subsequent offense after the first warning will result in a forfeit.

38. **Do not call the Park District regarding field/game conditions. No decision or message will be left on the rainout line before 4:30 pm. If inclement weather moves into the area after 4:30pm, the rainout line will be updated. Rainout # 847-690-1179.**

39. Schedules, Scores & Standings will be posted on the web (www.elkgroveparks.org) then hover over the "Programs" heading, then click on "Adult Athletic Leagues."

40. Rainout games will be made up. The Athletic Coordinator will update the schedule on the website to reflect rainout games. Rainout schedule changes will be noted. In most cases, rained out games will be scheduled at the conclusion of the regular season, prior to the playoffs. ***It is ultimately the responsibility of the team to keep up to date on all rainout and playoff schedule changes***

41. A player may play in two or more different leagues. However, a player may not play for more than one team within the same league. Teams will forfeit all games if they have players that are on two or more rosters in the same league.

42. Women are eligible to play in a men's league if they have submitted their request to participate in a men's league in writing to the Athletic Coordinator prior to the team's first game. As a safety consideration, the Athletic Coordinator may request additional information to ensure that the player is able to play in a men's league without a significant risk of injury.

43. There will be a limit on out of the park home runs. A team will only be allowed four out of the park home runs. Each out of the park home run after four will count as an out. Base runners will not be allowed to advance.

44. Courtesy runners will be allowed. Teams are strongly encouraged to inform the umpire before the game as to which players may need courtesy runners. The courtesy runner is always the last batted out.

45. There will be no refunds given following the captain's meeting.

46. Batter's box clarification- unlimited steps are allowed for the batter to strike the ball as long as the batter does not cross over home plate

47. It is the responsibility of the captain to inform their players of these rules.

48. The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) is the governing body that shall be referred to when interpreting rules not covered above.

49. The park district will provide no more than three softballs per game & only the first ball is guaranteed to be brand new. Neither team shall keep the game ball at the conclusion of the game (unless the game exceeded the allotment of three game balls).

50. If cars are parked illegally, they will be towed at the owner's expense.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the league, please call or email the Athletics Coordinator at 847-228-3522. **Please do not call for field conditions or standings.**