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CITY OF FRASER HOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADULT LEAGUES

The Fraser Parks and Recreation Department Adult athletic leagues are organized for the purpose of providing leisure activities where the participants can enjoy competition in the specific sport they choose and furtherance of sportsmanship and fellowship between the teams and players involved.

Players registered to compete in the Fraser Parks and Recreation Adult sports programs are advised that participation in the programs, are at their own risk. The City of Fraser is not responsible for personal accident, or liability insurance, and is under no circumstance responsible for expenses incurred because of injury to a program participant.

1. Players

- Age
Players participation in the 18 and Over Leagues must be 18 years of age by May 1 of the current season. Players participating in any other League must be that specific age (i.e. 25 & Over, 40 & Over) by May 1 of the current season.
- Inter-League Play
Players may compete in more than one (1) league. A separate contract is required for each league entry. There is no transfer of teams by players.
- Residency
The Fraser Parks and Recreation Adult Softball program follows an “open residency” policy. Any team may register an unlimited amount of non-residents.
- Team Composition
Each team is allowed a maximum of twenty (25) players on an official team roster. Persons not on the roster are ineligible to compete with that team. In addition, each team member must complete and sign an official player contract, to be turned into the Recreation. Contracts and rosters must be submitted before the first game, to be turned into the Recreation office or on-site supervisor. A player can play in a league on the same day that his players contract is filed at the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Additions of Players
Rosters will be open through game 6 (softball) and 4(kickball) of the regular season. Rosters after game 6 (softball) or 4(kickball) will be kept by the on-

site supervisor and be used in official roster checks if necessary. It is the manager's responsibility to keep the official roster up-to-date.

- Player Substitution

To request a player substitution in the event of unforeseen injuries which may lead to team forfeiture, a written request with medical documentation will be reviewed by the Recreation Department and the League Supervisor, who will make modifications to this deadline, if deemed necessary. A final ruling will be made by the Recreation Director, who will make modifications to this deadline, if deemed necessary.

- Ineligible Persons

Ineligible player is one who does not have a contract on file, is under suspension, or has falsified any portion of his/her contract.

Proof of an ineligible player will result in person's ejection from the current game, which said player is participating. Also, current game and ALL games participated in by ineligible player will be forfeited.

The team manager will be suspended for a total of three (3) games if an illegal player is protested and proven.

2. Managers Responsibilities

- General Responsibilities

Managers are responsible for the eligibility of their players and for the knowledge and enforcement of the Adult General Rules and Regulations and individual team sports rules. Managers are to sign all contracts to validate proper registration.

- Change in Managers

Any change in managers for a team *must* be filed at the Parks and Recreation Office. The new manager (or his proxy) must present the new manager's name, address and telephone numbers (home and business) for contact.

- Managers List of Players

Each manager should have a complete list of players and their positions available for the scorekeepers at least five (5) minutes prior to any games. If game begins late due to this procedure, time will be deducted from game time.

3. Game play

- Location

League games will be played at Steffens Park, 14 Mile between Garfield and Groesbeck, unless unforeseen circumstances result in a field location change.

Diamond 1, nearest City Hall, Diamond 2, in the middle of the park
Bases are set at 70 ft.

- Official Game Time

The Scorekeeper maintains the official game time. Game time is forfeit time. All games may have no more than 5 minutes (10 minutes for 6 pm games) as designated by the umpire.

Games shall be 7 complete innings or a 60-minute time limit. Games that are tied after 7 complete innings shall be allowed to play extra-innings if and only if the time limit has not yet been reached.

- Batting Line Up.
Managers will give a Line-Up to the scorekeepers at least 5 minutes before the game. Game will not commence until line-ups are provided. Time lost to late line-ups will not be made up.
- Forfeits
There is a charge of \$50 per forfeit. This must be paid before the next scheduled game. Team owing a forfeit fee will be ineligible to play until payment is made at the Parks and Recreation office.
- Officials and Scorekeepers
The game official(s) and scorekeeper are the representatives of the Recreation Department. The Official is responsible for enforcing team sport and conduct rules.
- Pre-game Practice
Pre-game practice is not allowed on the fields. Practice, including throwing, pitching and hitting is allowed in the outfields or foul territory along the first and third base lines.
- Suspension of Game
The game official is empowered to suspend players before, during or after games for violation of rules and/or conduct detrimental to the league, as prescribed **6.Conduct**, conduct and disciplinary procedures.
- Tie Games
If time remains in a tied game after seven (7) full innings have been played, one (1) additional inning will be played to determine a winner, unless time runs out. Tie games will result in a ½ win and ½ loss. Game will be a tie if after the extra inning the game remains tied (or) when the games are tied after time has expired.
- Team Players
Any game may begin with a minimum of eight (8) players on a team. No team may continue play with less than eight (8) players. Batting lineup is limited to 14 batters.
Managers cannot add additional players to the lineup after lineup is submitted to the scorekeepers.
If a team has more than 2 suspensions due to violations or conduct, team cannot continue and will count as a loss.
- Balls and Strikes
A 3 ball, 2 strike count will be used, one to waste.
- Dress Code
All players must have similar colored, numbered shirts, by the second week of play.
- Courtesy Runner
Player who made the last out should be designated as the “courtesy runner”. Courtesy runners can only be used once per inning as well as for a player injured during the at bat or base-running time in question.

Exceptions can be made only if both managers and the umpire agree. If a last out is not available, last person in lineup must be used.

- Mercy Rule
A mercy rule will be in effect, accordingly, when home team has a fifteen (15) run lead after four, twelve (12) run lead anytime after five innings
- Standings
Standings will be updated weekly, emailed to managers and shown on the Fraser Recreation website www.micityoffraser.com

4. Playoffs

- Game Times and Nights
Playoff games shall be scheduled at the same times and on the same nights as regular season games. If rescheduling is necessary, games may be rescheduled on nights not usually reserved for play.
- Home Team
Top seed will be home team. After first round is completed, then a toss of coin will determine the home team.
- Time Limit & Mercy Rule
No time limit and No mercy rule when playing the championship Game.
- Ties
There will be no ties. Playoff games will continue until a winner is declared.
- Playoff Format
There will be (1) one or (2) game knockout tournament format, unless unforeseen circumstances arise. Teams will be seeded by the Recreation Office.
- Player Eligibility
A player must have participated in at least three (3) regular games to be eligible for playoff play. Violation of this policy shall result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team and elimination from tournament.
- Umpires for final playoff game
There will be 2 umpires officiating the final game, so each team will be required to pay \$30 (\$15 for each umpire)
- Awards
Awards will be awarded at the conclusion of the season for League winners.

5. Rescheduling

- Cancellation Hotline
Managers should call the Parks and Recreation office at (586) 296-8483 before 4:30pm (weekdays) or (586) 871-3658 after 4:30pm. There will be a recorded message after 4:30pm if the games are cancelled. If games will be played as scheduled, no message will be heard.
- On-Site Cancellations - Weather
Games called by the on-site supervisor or the Recreation Director due to inclement weather or field condition will be deemed a rainout. An attempt will be made to find a make-up date and time that suits both team managers, but will ultimately be decided by the Recreation Director. When the game is

in play and the official calls the game due to bad weather, the game must be in 3.5 innings to determine the winner. If the game is in less innings, then the game will be rescheduled at a later date and the game will start where it left off.

- On-Site Cancellations - Conduct

Games being called because of an altercation; verbal or physical, will not be made up. If one team is involved, the opposing team will be deemed the winner. If both teams are involved, the game will be deemed a game cancellation and no statistics will be awarded

- Rescheduling

Rescheduled games will usually be played at the end of the regular season, if time allows. In cases of necessity, rescheduled games may be designated on days not utilized for league play, any day Monday through Sunday. There will be a maximum of two (2) make-up games per team per week. Schedules cannot be changed to accommodate team special events (i.e. bowling, weddings) for any individual team.

6. Conduct

- Beverage Policy

Alcohol is permitted in the park provided it is not in a glass bottle. No alcohol will be allowed on the playing field or in the dugout area. All alcohol must be kept in the bleacher area.

Alcohol may be consumed on the nights of your games provided it is not during your scheduled game time. Players observed consuming alcohol during a game will result in suspension from the game.

Public Safety will be notified if there is any suspicion of underage drinking.

- Participant and Spectator Conduct

Any of the following will result in suspensions as deemed necessary by the game or city official:

- Abusive and obscene language
- Visible intoxication or drug usage
- Violent or unsportsmanship behavior
- Threatening the physical or mental well being of a player, official, or spectator

- 1st Offense

Ejection from current game, and suspension from next playable game.

- 2nd Offense

Ejection from current game, and suspension from at least three (3) games.

- 3rd Offense

Ejection from current game, suspension from all City leagues for the remainder of the season.

Any suspension will be automatically reported to the Amateur Softball Association so that ineligible players will not be able to participate in other community leagues or tournaments during period of suspension.

Any player who is ejected from a game is required to leave the field area (including dugout and bleachers) within five (5) minutes of point of ejection. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the game by his/her team. The Public Safety Department will be dispatched to intervene, if necessary.

- Game Continuation

If a team has more than 2 suspensions due to violations or conduct, team cannot continue and will count as a loss.

7. Protest Procedures

- General Procedure

If a manager or assistant manager wishes to protest a game, The following steps must be properly followed:

At the conclusion of the protested play (in case of suspected ineligible player, a protest may be made at any time during the game), the manager of the protesting team is to call time. At this time, the umpire, scorekeeper and opposing manager shall be notified that the game is being played under protest. The time of protest, diamond # and game situation shall be recorded by the scorekeeper on the back of the official score sheet with a signature of the umpire. The manager will write the words "Under Protest" on the back of the score sheet and sign his name. The scorekeeper or on-site supervisor will then give the manager an official protest form, which must be completed and returned to the Parks and Recreation office within two (2) working days (excluding weekends and holidays). A \$25 holding fee will be requested, and at this time it will be determined if a hearing is to be held. A date and time shall be set for the hearing, at which the protesting manager will meet with the Recreation Director and the On-Site Supervisor. Should the protest be denied, the \$25 holding fee will be kept; if upheld, the \$25 will be returned and the game will be replayed from the point of protest. In case of proven ineligible person, the game will be recorded as forfeit victory.

8. Misc.

- Game Balls

Game balls are included in the registration cost. A ball for practice will be given at managers meeting. A new ball will be provided at the beginning of each game by a staff member.

- Questions or Concerns

Questions or concerns can be directed christinaw@micityoffraser.com.

- Cleats, Casts, and Jewelry

No metal cleats or plastic cast on a leg, arm, or hand during any game is allowed. Exposed jewelry judged dangerous or unsafe by the umpire may not be worn during a game.

- First Aid

First Aid supplies (i.e. bandages, tape, gauze, ice packs) are available for the use of any player, official or spectator. In accordance with OSHA guidelines, any serious conditions will be responded to by the Fraser Public Safety Department. Also, an ambulance is the responsibility of the injured person.

- Rule Additions

Regulations or rules not defined may be added after league play begins to improve league or address unforeseen circumstances. All managers will be notified of rule additions.

9. Men's Softball

- Playing Rules

The rules of the A.S.A and any implemented house rules will be used for all regular season and playoff games. Current rules can be found on the ASA Website (www.asasoftball.com). A rulebook will also be with an on-site supervisor during the games.

- Home Run Policy

There is none at this point, would be initiated if managers of a league feel there is a need.

- Illegal Bats

Illegal bat list can be found at :

http://www.asasoftball.com/about/build_batlist_w_pics_2000.asp

On-site supervisor will have a list of illegal bats on hand. Players violating the bat policy will automatically forfeit their bat for the remainder of their games for the evening and may be suspended from the game and/or league at the discretion of the Recreation Director.

10. Co-Ed Kickball

- See "Things to Know" Attachment for Kickball rules.