

2010 RASA RULES - MEN'S LEAGUES

All games will be played at Taft Park Softball Complex - 63rd St. and 18th Ave. So.

2010 USSSA RULES APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL ADDITIONS:

1. **HOME TEAM:** The team indicated SECOND on the schedule will be the HOME TEAM and occupy the FIRST BASE LINE BENCH. Home team is responsible for keeping the score book and it is recommended that player's names and number are included
2. **MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS TO START GAME:** Each team must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start the game. A ninth and tenth player may be added to the line up any time before the end of the game.
3. **GAME BALL:** Each team is responsible for supplying one new ball per game (Dudley Thunder SY-12RF40) and will supply back up balls as needed. The team hitting the ball out of the park is responsible for retrieving the ball, *"you hit it, and you get it!"* **IF YOU DO NOT SUPPLY A NEW BALL THE GAME IS A FORFEIT;** there are balls available in the concession stand for sale.
4. All managers are instructed to assist in keeping unauthorized persons out of the playing area.
5. **GAME TIME:** A team is allowed 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the game to field **enough players** or forfeit the game, *this rule applies to the first scheduled game only;* for the 7:25, 8:30, and 9:35 games, **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!**
6. **TIME LIMIT: NO NEW INNING WILL START AFTER ONE HOUR AND FIVE MINUTES.** This rule is our attempt at keeping games on schedule and finishing before the park curfew each night. *This rule does not mean that the game should finish in "one hour and five minutes", a new inning could start with one hour and three minutes elapsed. NO GAME SHOULD END IN A TIE BECAUSE OF THE TIME LIMIT.*
7. **BALLS/STRIKES:** Leagues use the 3/2 count - **NO COURTESY FOULS**
8. **HOME RUN RULE:** Untouched fair balls hit over the fence in excess of home run limits will be an OUT.
 - **Monday C/D** - Maximum 3 home runs per game.
 - **Monday Church** – Maximum 3 home runs per game.
 - **Tuesday Gold Classic Plus** – Maximum 4 home runs per game.
 - **Wednesday C/D** – Maximum 3 home runs per game.
 - **Wednesday D** – Maximum 1 home run per game.
 - **Thursday C/D** – Maximum 3 home runs per game.
 - **Thursday D** – Maximum 1 home run per game.
9. **RUN RULE:** If one team is ahead by 20 or more runs after 4 complete innings or ahead by 10 runs after 5 complete innings, play will be terminated

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10. BATTING LINE-UP OPTIONS:

- Bat all players – free substitution.
- Bat 10 players – Re-entry rule: starter may re-enter once.
- Bat 11 players – (A.H.) Re-entry Rule: starter may re-enter once.
- Once you choose a batting line up to start the game, you must end the game with the same number of players unless someone is injured. If your line up is reduced because of injury and you do not have a substitute, that position(s) becomes an out in the line up. If your line up is reduced because of an ejection and you do not have a substitute, the game is over and considered a forfeit.

11. **CASUAL PROFANITY RULE/ FAMILY ATMOSPHERE RULE**: SEE PENALTY

12. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**: Unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness will not be tolerated. Violation: Ejection

13. **EJECTION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**: If a player/manager is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, that individual(s) will **ALSO** be ***suspended*** from the team's ***next game***. **A \$20 misconduct fee is also to be paid by the ejected player before they can return to league play.** If this ejection creates a whole in the line-up and the team doesn't have a substitute, the game is over and listed as a forfeit. **IF THE PLAYER IS EJECTED A SECOND TIME IN THE CURRENT SEASON, HE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF LEAGUE PLAY**

14. **POLICY FOR NO SHOW UMPIRES**: Team managers may use a substitute umpire for any game that an umpire doesn't officiate if both managers agree to this at the start of the game and sign the scorecard. If both managers do not agree, the game will be rescheduled.

15. **COURTESY RUNNERS** USSSA does not allow courtesy runners however; we will allow courtesy runners for the up coming season. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out. If a player becomes injured during the game, inform the umpire and again the courtesy runner will be the last player to make an out.

16. **RAINOUTS**: The Richfield Recreation Services Dept will schedule RAINOUTS. *Managers will be notified by the office staff, as to the date and time of the make up game*

FOR POTENTIAL RAINOUT INFO: A RECREATION STAFF MEMBER WILL NOTIFY MANAGERS BY 3:00 PM ON THE DAY INVOLVED. MANAGERS/PLAYERS DO NOT CALL THE RECREATION OFFICE, YOU CAN CALL TAFT PARK AT 612- 861-9189 FOR AN UPDATED RECORDED MESSAGE!

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