

HANCOCK AIR BASE SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES - 2015

1. ASA rules will prevail except as modified by League rules.
2. 6 to 12 foot pitching arc and the plate is live. The pitcher will have the option to move back four feet from the original pitching mound.
3. Men may bat with either hand, females may bunt (out if foul with 2 strikes). When a female bats, all fielders must be behind base line until contact is made. The pitcher may not charge toward home plate until contact is made. Violation of this rule results in a delayed dead ball. If the batter and all runners advance at least one base the play stands. If the batter or runners attempt to advance more than one base and are put out, the play stands. If the batter does not reach first base or any base runners do not reach first base the resulting penalty is the batter gets first base and all runners advance one base from the time of the pitch. There is no option to take the result of the play.
4. If a male batter is intentionally walked or in the umpire judgment, walked intentionally on pitches & if the next batter is female, she has the choice of hitting or walking (before the first pitch). The following batter does not have a choice.
5. We will have a three (3) ball, two (2) strike count in all leagues. The two (2) foul ball rule is in effect in both leagues (the second (2nd) foul ball after two (2) strikes shall constitute the third strike and the batter is out). Female batters will be called out on strikes if they bunt on the second (2nd) strike and it goes foul or out of play.
6. A seventeen (17) run rule will be in effect after three (3) innings, 2.5 innings if home team is ahead. Also, a twelve (12) run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings, 4.5 innings if home team is ahead. No run rule for championship game.
7. It is the team Captains responsibility to make sure that all rosters and waivers are submitted prior to the first game, a team will forfeit its game otherwise. Each player must be listed on the roster prior to participating in any game. There is no roster limit. Deadline for additions to the roster is July 1st (Spring) and October 1st (Fall) in order to be eligible for playoffs. **Additions to the roster can be made after July 1st (Spring) and October 1st (Fall), however these players cannot participate in the playoffs. A player must have competed in at least 4 games in the Spring League or 3 games in the Fall League to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.** The completed roster/waiver must be mailed to:
Debbie Markusz
4138 Willowbrook Drive
Liverpool, NY 13090
8. A PLAYER MAY ONLY PLAY OR SUB ON ONE TEAM PER NIGHTLY DIVISION. A protest must be made at the time of infraction or before the first pitch is thrown.

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9. All players must be 17 by January 1st of season year. If any underage player(s) play, and a protest is made, the game will be forfeited.
10. A courtesy runner is allowed only for individuals who are injured. **An advantage** runner will not be allowed. The new replacement runner will be the player who made the **last out**. If a courtesy runner is left on base and has to bat there will be no out called you will simply replace that runner with the prior last out. If you need a courtesy runner, you must notify the umpire **prior to the start of the game** unless an injury occurs during the game that requires the use of a courtesy runner. Only one player will be allowed to have a courtesy runner per game.
11. Everyday of the week there is a **10 minute grace period** for the first game only. The 1 hour and 10 minute time limit will start at the scheduled starting time of the game when 9 players, including at least 3 females are present, the game will start.
12. The required number of player (9) (Coed – minimum 4 females). No game will start without the required number of players (9) for each team. Amendment: A team can play with 3 females and 6 males. You can never play with 3 females and 7 males. An automatic out will be called in the 4th spot of the batting order. If a female shows up after the game has started, she can be inserted into the 4th spot with the automatic out disappearing. There must always be 3 females playing. No exceptions ever.
14. No inning shall start after 1 hour & 10 minutes of game playing time has elapsed. At that point, the game is official when the inning is completed. Synchronize your watches during ground rules with the umpires (waiver for semi and finals).
15. A 10th player arriving after the game has started must be placed into the 10th batting spot, unless the player is the fourth female (see Rule 13). If playing with only 9 players, no out will be taken when 10th position in batting order appears. An 11th player may never be added after the first pitch has been thrown.
16. Scorebooks & lineups must list first initial and last names of all participants or they will not be accepted.
17. The home team scorekeeper will be the final authority in case a dispute occurs if a scorekeeper is keeping score. If home team doesn't have a score keeper, visitor book will rule if score keeper is available. If there is no score keeper for either team, team captains must tell each other the score after each inning so there are no discrepancies.
18. The league ball and back up ball will be provided and no substitutions will be allowed. After every game the game ball or **back up ball must be given back to the umpire for future use. NO EXCEPTIONS**

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19. An AH (Assigned Hitter) may be used. In **Co-Ed**, if only one AH is used it must be a female unless 5 females are playing defense. If two are used, one must be male and one a female or two females. Two male AH not allowed.
20. **International Rule:** Starting with the top of the 8th inning or any inning **after the 1 hour 10 minute time limit** has elapsed; each half inning will begin with the player who made the last out being placed on 2nd base. **Only previous injuries** at this point will be accepted for this to change.
21. If a player from a team with 9 players is ejected, then the game is over – FORFEIT. Note: Any other reason team can finish with 8 players. The missing players spot will be an automatic out when there are only (8) players. **INJURY RULE** – If a player gets injured in the game and there is no sub available there will be no automatic out given. The team can play with 8 players and the batting spot will be skipped there must be 8 players at all times regardless of future injuries. If you have 11 players and go down to 10 on an injury the game will NOT be forfeited.
22. If a player is ejected from a game for any reason & the team has been playing with ten (10) or more players & has no substitutes, then this spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.
23. No team shall have more than two (2) over the fence unassisted home runs more than their opponent at anytime (Men's and Co- Ed League). A 3rd over the fence unassisted homerun more than the opponent will simply be called an out.
24. Rain outs will be automatically rescheduled for the 2nd Sunday following the rain out, unless that Sunday has been previously scheduled for league play. (No exceptions) *5:30 Game @ 9:00AM, 6:50 Game @ 10:10AM, 7:55 Game @ 11:20AM & 9:00 Game @ 12:30 p.m.* The rain out for Sunday men's leagues will be scheduled on Saturdays. If the league schedule has open dates, the games can be scheduled in the open spots.
25. Each team will pay an umpire \$25.00 before the start of each game. \$19.00 per team, if only one umpire is available. If the field is deemed unplayable and the game was not canceled an hour before the scheduled starting time, teams are required to pay the umpires \$12.50 each.
26. If a team forfeits a game, then a \$50.00 forfeit fee must be paid before the team's next game or the team will automatically be dropped from the league. If a team needs to forfeit a game, notice must be given 2 hours prior to their game time or a forfeit fee will be assessed to the team.
27. Protested games must be submitted in writing to Bill Myers within 48 hours of the game with a \$30.00 fee. The \$30.00 fee will be returned only if the protest is upheld. (This is during the regular season only - No protests will be accepted during the playoffs ever). All playoff

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protests regarding rosters will be addressed before the first pitch or in the case of a substitute before a pitch is thrown with them in the game (defense or offense). No exceptions. In the case of a rules interpretation, the ruling will be made on the field at the time of the protest. Ruling is final.

28. Any returned or cancelled check will cost an additional \$30.00.

29. All final scores must be e-mailed by both the Home and Away team Captains regardless of who won/lost. The contact e-mail is **CNYHancockSoftball@yahoo.com**. Please submit the game summary in the following format:

Game summary:

My Team defeated **Their Team**

Score: **11-10**

Date: **12/25**

Game Time: **11:20**

Field: **Spinning Wheel #2**

League Night: **Monday Evening Co-Ed**

30. League will attempt to contact teams as soon as possible in case of inclement weather. We will be canceling games by posting on Facebook and texting captains this year. We can be found on Facebook as CNY Hancock Softball League.

31. Playoffs shall consist of the top five (5) teams, if schedule permits.

32. Any ties occurring for playoff spots shall be broken using the following criteria: 1 - Record between tied teams, 2 - Run differential between the tied teams and 3 - Run differential for the whole season. If the teams are still tied after 1 thru 3 above, then a playoff game will be played.

33. Each player & spectator plays or observes at his or her own risk and each is responsible for all injuries to his or herself. Neither Spinning Wheel, Onondaga County, Lions Park or Heritage Field shall be liable for any injuries or losses not arising out of their negligence.

34. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not permitted at the field (including parking lot). Unsportsmanlike behavior or unruly conduct is prohibited. Violation of this policy will result in player, managers or spectators being ejected from the game & or complex. Any player ejected from a second game during the season will miss his/her next game. If in an umpire's judgment they feel that a player is jeopardizing the safety of themselves or others, they have the right to not allow said individual to participate. If a player is caught drinking this will be an automatic ejection.

35. Any player who in the **Umpires judgement** intentionally throws a bat will be ejected from that game and will miss their next game and could be subject to further penalties.

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36. **MANAGERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR TEAM MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS. IF AN UMPIRE BRINGS A PROBLEM TO THE MANAGERS ATTENTION AND IT IS NOT RESOLVED, THEN THE GAME WILL BE FORFEITED AND A \$25.00 FINE MUST BE PAID TO BILL MYERS OR TEAM WILL FORFEIT THEIR NEXT GAME. SECOND OFFENSE BY THE SAME TEAM AND THE TEAM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE LEAGUE (I.E. ALCOHOL ISSUES, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, ETC.)**

37. No metal spikes are permitted, if noticed the player will be told to switch shoes. Anyone refusing to switch will be removed from said game and will be suspended for the next 2 games.

38. All bats banned by ASA are banned in this league. (list of bats will be furnished upon request or are available at [www. ASA. Org](http://www.ASA.Org)). A player using an illegal bat will be ejected and the bat will be removed.

39. At Lion's Field, if a ball rolls into any of the high grass in the outfield it will be considered a ground rule double; if the ball goes into the high grass in the air it will be considered a home run. After the bleachers on the 3rd base side, foul territory is opened up, unless the umpire feels that it is too dangerous because of excessive water. (No dead ball). On the first base side it is opened up after the fence. Equipment will be kept inside the bench area (between the fences) keeping the other areas alive and in play. If a ball hits a tree, it is considered a dead ball.

40. During fall ball, if there are 2 or more weeks of rain during the playoffs, they may need to be reduced to the top 4 teams. This will be done at the discretion of Bill Myers. No protest granted.

41. Once thunder or lightning occurs as ruled by the umpire there will be a 30 min. delay every time there is a strike of lightning or a clap of thunder. (30 min. restarts at every stride or clap) there is no exception to this rule, this is an ASA rule.

42. Since we have no lights on most of the fields if someone gets hurt on the field you clock time for the game will continue, unless someone is seriously hurt and an ambulance is needed then the time will be stopped and continue when the person is safely escorted away.

43. There is a no smoking law in force at Heritage Park. This is a non-smoking park and this rule is enforced by the local police department, so please refrain from smoking at this park. The police do stop by this park and if you are smoking you will be given a ticket.

44. At Spinning Wheel the consumption of alcoholic beverages are only permitted in the bar/ restaurant area. There is no drinking allowed in the parking lot. If you want to drink you have to do so in the bar/ restaurant area. There is NO ALCOHOL beverages allowed in the parks.

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45. If an umpire feels the outfield is playable we will flip the field and play the game. This is at the umpire's discretion.
46. Any verbal abuse toward an umpire will not be tolerated. If you abuse this rule you will be ejected from the game. Team captains are subjected to give the umpire the players name and any other information that may be needed. If no name is given their will be a forfeit given.
47. If for any reason there is a conflict on the field all players must remain on the bench or in their positions in the field. If players leave the benches and their positions in the field the game will be forfeited (or double forfeited) and their next game will also be forfeited. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 48.**EJECTION RULE:** This is a three strike policy. First offense the player will be ejected for the game they are playing in. The second offense they will be ejected from the game they are playing in as well as the next game. The third offense will result in a suspension for a year from the date of the ejection. Ejection and suspensions will be served on games played in the same league night that the ejection occurred in.
49. At Spinning Wheel, we will play the wings down to 1st and 3rd base and after 1st and 3rd the field will open up.
50. **On rainouts**, (Saturday make up games) you must call me by 5:00 Thursday afternoon if you are going to cancel your game. If you do not call me I will assume you will be playing and if you do not show up or call by Thursday you will have to pay the \$50 forfeit fee. For those of you who do not have email access, you can send me a text too. (Ask me for my number and I will provide it for you)
51. Seventy (70) foot bases will be used for men and co-ed play.
52. All disputes and protests will be decided by the **League Committee** consisting of the following members:
- Andy Azzarello
Debbie Markusz
Katie Garvey
Sean Davidson
Mike Loguidice