

MARYVALE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Adult Slo-Pitch Rules 2019

OSA RULES APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

No alcoholic beverages permitted in the park or parking lot. Offenders will be suspended. Coaches are responsible to ensure teammates have not consumed alcohol prior to or during the game. It is also the responsibility of coaches to bring any wrong doing to the attention of the Maryvale Executive

1. Each team will provide an "umpire" that knows the rules of the game. The umpire will stand in a suitable position to make all calls fairly and to the best of their ability.
2. 10 Players maximum will play defense at a time. 7 players including 1 female are required to start the game. Minimum of 3 females on the field at all times, when possible.
3. Game time is 6:30 p.m. SHARP!! If a team is not able to field a team, the coach may go to the other teams and borrow players of average ability to a maximum of 10 players including borrowed players. If team is a maximum of 10 players and after the game commences a player shows up to play, the borrowed player must be returned to their team. Player that comes late will go to the bottom of the batting order, not in the position where the borrowed player was.
4. Each inning will consist of 7 batters. A maximum of 5 runs can score. The 7th inning is open, with 3 outs and unlimited runs.
5. Any over-thrown balls, the runner will get 1 +1.
6. No sliding, stealing or leadoffs, this is an automatic out. Male players are not allowed to bunt.
7. A courtesy runner will be available at an unlimited amount of times in a game if a player has a minor injury after the batter has reached first base. Batter must be replaced by last male or female out (male for male, female for female).
8. The distance between bases is 60 feet; the pitching mound is to be at 45ft. The commit line is half way between 3rd and home. The safe line is inside home plate.
9. A legally pitched ball is one thrown with an arc of 6 ft minimum and 12 ft maximum. A strike is called if the ball touches any part of the board. Any ball pitched higher or lower will constitute a "no pitch". The umpire will call it as soon as it is evident or before the ball reaches the batter's box and a ball will be awarded. The batter may accept the pitch or not.

10. Third strike foul is waived; however the batter is out after the fifth strike during the at bat. Lead-offs or leaving the base before the ball is hit is an automatic out.
11. No player can be positioned on the grass between the infield and the outfield cones, which are placed at 110 ft from home plate (or 50 ft from 1st and 3rd base) and the infield until the ball is hit by any batter.
12. The catcher must attempt the initial play to the plate on throws from the infield or outfield; no other player can enter the triangle unless the catcher misses the initial throw on any batter. If the ball is hit two feet in front of home plate in the triangle on the 7th batter, the pitcher or catcher can make the play.
13. If a male is walked and followed by a female, he shall be awarded 2nd base
14. The offensive team must inform the defensive team when it is the 7th batter
15. Runners must use ORANGE portion and defense must use WHITE portion of the bag at 1st base. If a runner fails to use the orange portion of the bag they will be called out. Likewise if the defensive players don't use the white portion of the bag the runner will be safe.
16. Shoes with soft rubber cleats may be worn.
17. No protest or rule changes allowed. Home team sets up. Winners report scores to Convener.
18. IMMEDIATELY after game completion, score sheets, bases and any other equipment shall be brought to the Clubhouse. Wexford to the Commish.
19. 10 players maximum will play defense at one time. The 10 players will include a minimum of 3 females. In the case where a team can only field 2 females they are only allowed to field 7 male players. If a team has 3 or more females they must field 3 females each inning. No player will sit out 2 innings in a row. The only exception is illness or injury.
20. Any ball hit into fair play on any field, the batter can advance as they want to, no ground rule doubles or triples.
21. No female player may be sat more than twice a game, nor can any other player be sat more than three times a game, unless through injury or mutual consent.