



## EUHARLEE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL RULES 2022

1. **PLAYING RULES:** The official Amateur Slow Pitch Softball Association in conjunction with G.R.P.A. will govern all leagues.
2. **UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT:** Teams must have shirts alike for everyone in the game or lose by forfeit. Steel cleats will not be allowed. Each team must furnish one new top-grade ball each game. The ball we will be using is .44/375 or .52/300 either USSSA or ASA.

**BATS:** Both ASA and USSSA bats can be used. Please check the websites below to ensure they are approved.

[www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com)

<http://ussa.com/slowpitch/slowpitch-licensed-softball-bat-ball-manufacturers>

3. **ROSTERS:** All rosters must be turned in prior to the start of a team's first game. A player may play on more than one team in the division if the player is listed on both rosters.  
**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Must be age 16 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A team can play with (8) players. All players on the Roster can bat.  
If a team has 7 players, they may pick up ONE player who has actively played in our league & is on the roster of another team. If more than 1 player is needed to play, there will be an automatic forfeit. Teams will then decide if they want to play the game or not.
4. **NEW PLAYERS:** Players must be added to team rosters by 10:00am on game day. The Roster will then be locked after one week of games.
5. **INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:** Any team using ineligible player/players will have to forfeit all games in which the player participated.
6. **STARTING TIME:** Games will start at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 when there are three (3) games a night. There will be a one (1) hour time limit on games. Teams who do not have enough players on the field or in sight of the umpire at game time will lose by forfeit. In the event of a tie at the end of the time limit the international tie breaker will be used to complete the game.
7. **RUN RULE:** Any team ahead by 10 runs after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, 15 runs after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 20 runs after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning will be declared the winner.
8. **PROTEST:** Protest must be filed in writing at the Rec. Dept. office within 48 hours after the game is completed. The team coach must notify umpires, scorekeeper and opposing team manager at the time of the rule infraction. A protest must contain, date, name of team, time, place, name of umpires and score keeper, and rule violation.
9. Players will not be allowed to warm-up on the paved walkways or the infields.

10. Line-ups must be in the score keeper's possession 5 minutes before game time. Full names and numbers must be given.
11. Substitutes must report to home plate umpire when entering the game.
12. Anyone ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended for at least one year.
13. CANCELED GAMES: The Rec. Dept. will not re-schedule any games except rain-outs time permitting. Teams may re-schedule games at their own expense with the approval of both teams involved and the Rec. Dept.
14. Rain-outs: Games will not be called off until 5:00 pm or later. Games rained out with 4 or less innings played will start back where game was stopped.
15. Only players and coaches will be allowed in the dug outs.
16. Anyone intentionally running over a player or blocking the baseline will be ejected from the game. If a fielder has the ball before the runner reaches the base, then the runner must concede the out.
17. DRINKING & LANGUAGE: A player who has been drinking before, during or after the games, using profane language or excessive arguing with an umpire's decision will be disqualified and suspended indefinitely. Coach and team will be subject to suspension if they allow this to happen without taking proper action.
18. Anyone charged and convicted for selling using drugs (V.G.C.S.A.) will automatically be suspended from all recreation activities for a minimum of one year.
19. OFFICIALS: The umpires are representatives of the Euharlee Recreation Dept. and are authorized to enforce each section of these rules. They shall have the power to order a player, captain, manager, or coach to do or omit action, which in their judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules and inflict proper penalties.
20. COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES: To inform his or her players of all these rules and regulations. To keep players' bench clear of all persons not directly connected with the team. Allow no smoking on or around field area. Present all rosters according to rules. See to it that all players conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- 21. All teams are responsible for cleaning out their dug out after each game!**
22. On any fair batted ball hit over the fence for a home run, or a four-base award, the batter and all runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runners on base do not need to run the bases. This will also eliminate any runner appeal plays.
23. HOMERUN RULE: Each team is allowed 2 homeruns per inning. This is voted on before every season in the league. **\*\* If a ball hits the net on the old side, it is considered an automatic double. If it hits the pole, it is a homerun. \*\***
24. **1 and 1 count rule.** If count is 1 & 2 and the player fouls the ball that will be an out.
25. The Recreation Department reserves the right to act upon any matter not covered in the above rules.