



## SOFTBALL LEAGUES SPRING 2008

Please read and share entire City of Plano Bylaws and ASA Guidebook with your team.

### Bylaw Changes/Additions/Clarifications Since Fall 2007

Section D. **ELIGIBILITY** (Number 2 has been added):

2. Roster Rules will be strictly enforced.

Section G. **PENALTIES** (Numbers 3 - 6 have been added):

3. The City of Plano Adult Softball Advisory Committee **will** accept appeals of suspension from teams or players as long as:
  - a. The length of the team or player suspension is four (4) weeks or greater.
  - b. The suspension is not connected to any pending investigation by law enforcement.
4. To file an appeal, the team or player must:
  - a. Contact the City of Plano Adult Sports Supervisor within three (3) days of being notified of the suspension.
  - b. Provide a written account of the incident that led to the suspension, stating why the suspension should be eliminated or reduced. This written account must be received within 48 hours of contacting the Adult Sports Supervisor and declaring the desire to appeal the suspension.
  - c. Provide contact information of any and all witnesses to the incident.
5. The City of Plano Adult Softball Advisory Committee will review all written documentation provided by everyone involved including players, umpires, spectators, and City staff. Upon reviewing the written documentation, the Committee will decide the necessity of:
  - a. Meeting with all involved parties to gain additional information.

If the Softball Advisory Committee finds it necessary to meet with the individuals involved, members will set the date, time, and location of the meeting. All involved parties will be contacted and informed of the date, time, and location of the meeting. Every effort will be made to give at least one (1) week notice of the meeting. Once a date and time for the meeting have been set, they will not be changed or rescheduled except for unforeseen circumstances.
  - b. The suspension.

If the Softball Advisory Committee decides that meeting with all the involved parties is not necessary, members will decide if the suspension is warranted. If the suspension is deemed to be warranted, members will decide if it should be shortened, lengthened, or remain as is.
6. Once the Softball Advisory Committee has ruled on the suspension, the team or player will be notified by the City of Plano Adult Sports Supervisor who will inform them of the Committee's ruling. All appeal rulings by the City of Plano Adult Softball Advisory Committee are **FINAL** and may not be appealed a second time.

Section H. **RULES OF COMPETITION** (Number 17 has been changed)

17. All games will be played with a **20 Run Rule** after 2-1/2 or 3 innings, a **15 Run Rule** after 3-1/2 or 4 innings, and a **10 Run Rule** after 4-1/2 or 5 innings.

Section H. **RULES OF COMPETITION** (Number 18 has an addition in reference to the **Women's** division and to the **Men's AA+** division)

18. Home run limits are in effect on all fenced fields as follows: **Men's "A" and Coed "A", none; Women's, one; Men's "AA" and Coed "AA", one; Men's "AA+", two plus 1-up home run rule.** Once both teams in the **Men's AA+** division have reached their respective home run limits, either team may hit an additional home run. However, no team may ever go more than one home run up on the other team. Any additional home runs above the one-up will be scored as an out. With fewer than ten (10) minutes left in the game, the home team can hit one home run to pull even, but cannot go one up.

Section H. **RULES OF COMPETITION** (Number 22 has two additional paragraphs)

22. Teams must make all bats available to the umpires for a pre-game bat inspection. If a player is discovered to be using an illegal or altered bat **after** the pre-game inspection, the player will be called out. Both the player and the bat will be removed from the game. Any time that players have a question regarding the legality of a bat, they must ask the home plate umpire for a ruling **prior to** taking a position in the batter's box.

If an illegal bat is discovered **during** the pre-game inspection or **prior to** the batter entering the batter's box, the bat will be removed from the game and no penalty will be assessed to the player or to the team.

Section H. **RULES OF COMPETITION** (Number 23 has an additional sentence added)

23. Women's teams must furnish 11-inch balls.