



## PARKS & RECREATION ATHLETICS DIVISION

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# Adult Slow Pitch Softball Leagues By-Laws

## 1. **LIABILITY:**

The city of Bremerton, including the Parks and Recreation Department, shall not be liable for any injury to any player that may be incurred while playing under the auspicious of the Association. This release shall be part of each team's roster that lists all participating players.

## 2. **FEES:**

- A) The **Team Registration Fee** and the **Player Fee** (for each player listed on a team roster) must be paid in full and meet the due date requirements as listed on the appropriate softball league registration form.
- B) If a fee is paid by check and the check is RETURNED from the bank as "Non-payable, for any reason, this fee will be considered unpaid.
- C) Violation(s) are subject to game forfeitures and/or suspensions.
- D) **UNPAID FEES** will result in **TEAM & PLAYER FORFEITS/SUSPENSIONS**.  
Note: Each member of the team will be held individually liable for an equal portion of the debt and will be suspended until their portion is paid.

## 3. **BALL REQUIREMENTS:**

- A) Each team **MUST** provide a ball while on offense. It may be new or used.
- B) **SIZE** (per League);
  - 1. 12" ball Men's/Church/Co-ed Leagues (male participants).
  - 2. 11" ball Women's/Co-ed Leagues (female participants).

**Note: 12" ball MUST have USSSA logo & one of the following identifications:**

  - 1. USSSA Classic M
  - 2. USSSA Classic Plus

**Note: 11" ball must have the USSSA and Classic W logo.**
- C) **COLOR** **Optic YELLOW** only!!

## 4. **TEAM ROSTER:**

- A) Due **(1) WEEK PRIOR** to each team's first scheduled game.
- B) Submit to Parks and Recreation Department. All team rosters will be kept on file with the Athletic Office for player eligibility purposes and roster modifications (player additions, transfers and/or deletion).
- C) Must include the following;
  - 1. Coach & all participating players.
  - 2. Team name. Team name listed will be registered with the appropriate Association.
- D) Violation(s) are subject to game forfeiture.

## 5. **GAME CALLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES:**

A game called prior to 7 full inning and/or the time limit expiring, will be considered official if 4 or more innings have been played or if the home team has scored more runs during the uncompleted 4<sup>th</sup> inning.

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6. **MODIFICATIONS TO A TEAM ROSTER:**

- A) **ADDING A PLAYER:**  
Allowed anytime prior to the final (2) games of the regular season.
- B) **DELETING A PLAYER:**  
Team coach or player being deleted must notify the League Director, in writing.
- C) **PLAYER TRANSFER:**
  - 1. Sign new team roster and initial old team roster.
  - 2. LIMITED to (1) per season.

7. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A) Age 16 & older. Player(s) ages 16-17 must sign and submit the USSSA Washington State Slow Pitch Softball Parental/Guardian Waiver Form to the Athletics Office.
- B) Player name must be listed on the appropriate team roster.
- C) Player fee must be paid in full.
- D) Player is LIMITED to (1) team per League (example: A player that participates in the USSSA Men's League CANNOT play on a Division 1 team and ALSO on a Division 3 team). A player may play in multiple leagues (i.e. Co-ed, Church & PSNS).

8. **USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYER:**

- A) The use of a player, who does not meet the Player Eligibility requirements (see #7), is NOT ALLOWED!
- B) **VIOLATION(S)** are subject to the following **PENALTIES:**
  - 1. **1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

Player	1 game SUSPENSION
Coach	1 game SUSPENSION
Team	Game FORFEITURE
  - 2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

Player	3 game SUSPENSION
Coach	2 games SUSPENSION
Team	Game FORFEITURE; placed on probation & subject to REMOVAL from League play.

9. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLE LEAGUES:**

- A) A player may participate in multiple leagues (see letter C for leagues offered) but, is limited to (1) team per league and must meet the Player Eligibility Requirements (see #7 above).
- B) Player **IS** required to pay the PLAYER FEE for each league they participate in.
- C) Leagues offered;
  - 1. **SPRING LEAGUE (May-August);**
    - a) MEN USSSA
    - b) CHURCH USSSA
    - c) PSNS USSSA
    - d) WOMEN USSSA
    - e) SUNDAY MIXED USSSA
  - 2. **FALL LEAGUE (August-September);**
    - a) MEN USSSA
    - b) MIXED (Tuesday/Thursday) USSSA
    - c) MIXED (Sunday) USSSA

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10. **INCLEMENT WEATHER/GAME CANCELLATION:**

- A) For information on field playability during inclement weather, call the **"RAIN LINE" (360-473-5700)**. RAIN LINE information is announced daily at 4:00 PM.
- B) If the League Director announces the fields are playable at 4 PM; the umpire on each field will retain the final judgment on field playability prior to the start of each game.
- C) All games canceled will be rescheduled. Information for rescheduled games will be posted at Pendergast Park on the bulletin board located next to field #1 and on the city website at [www.ci.bremerton.wa.us](http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us); Go to Quick Links, Athletics and Softball.
- D) **Rescheduled Games(s):**
  - 1. May be scheduled any day during the week Monday-Friday.
  - 2. **Special requests accepted the first 2 days after a canceled game only.**
  - 3. Once a rescheduled game is posted, any team UNABLE to attend is subject to game forfeiture.

11. **REPORTING GAME SCORES:**

- A) The **WINNING TEAM** is responsible for reporting the game score and must leave a message on the **"SCORE LINE" (360-473-5700)** no-later-than 11:00 AM the following morning of a scheduled game.
- B) In the case of a TIE-GAME, the home or visitor team may call in the score.
- C) **VIOLATION(s):**
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: WARNING from League Director.
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: FORFEIT LOSS.

12. **STANDINGS TIE-BREAKERS:**

Teams with identical won-loss records at the conclusion of the regular season (tournament results not included) will use the following guidelines, in order of sequence, to break ties in the divisional standings;

- A) Best winning percentage in regular season head-to-head competition.
- B) Best run differential in regular season head-to-head competition.
- C) Share league title.

13. **FORFEITED GAME:**

- A) Any team that forfeits (2) games is subject to league removal and forfeiture of team and player fees previously submitted.
- B) Game forfeiture, may include the following but is not limited to;
  - 1. Unpaid team registration and/or player fees.
  - 2. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - 3. Inability to field a team.
- C) The game score will be 7-0 in favor of the team not at fault unless the run differential is higher for the non-offending team.

14. **ZERO TOLERANCE LEAGUE:**

The following rules apply BEFORE, DURING & AFTER games & ANYWHERE in the vicinity of the Softball program.

- A) **ALCOHOL POSSESSION, PROPERTY ABUSE** (i.e. slamming the field entrance/exit gate, throwing a bat against the fence, etc.), **TAUNTING** and/or the use of **PROFANE LANGUAGE** will not be allowed and the offender(s) is subject to **EJECTION and/or SUSPENSION**.
- B) Any coach, player, or spectator that is **ABUSIVE** toward the Game Official, Parks and Recreation Personnel, or the Opposing Team shall be subject to a period of **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION** at the discretion of the League Director.
- C) A player who engages in a fight is subject to suspension for one calendar year or more.

15. **EJECTIONS FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:**

- A) The participant ejected **MUST leave the facility immediately** or risk forfeiture of the game and further discipline and also is **subject to suspension** from the team's **next scheduled game**.
- B) Ejection(s) judged **"SEVERE"** (i.e. verbal/physical threats, excessive use of profanities, physical contact with an umpire, etc.) by the League Director and Association U.I.C. will result in a period of **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION**. The offending participant will also be required to meet with the League Director and Association U.I.C. to review the incident before regaining eligibility.
- C) **2 EJECTIONS**, in either the Spring or Fall leagues, will result in **SUSPENSION** for the **REMAINDER OF THE SEASON** for each league that player participates in (**example:** player ejected in Men's Spring League game one night and Church Spring League game the next week IS suspended for the Spring Season). This applies to ALL Bremerton Parks and Recreation Leagues Sponsored Softball Leagues (refer to rule #9 Letter C).

16. **UMPIRES:**

- A) All Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored Softball Leagues contract out to the USSSA Association.
- B) For concerns please contact the Athletic Office.
- C) **UMPIRE NO-SHOW;**
  - 1. If the game umpire is not present 10 minutes prior at the scheduled game start time, immediately call the appropriate officials association (phone numbers are posted at Pendergast Regional Park) and leave a voice message including field location, field # and game time.
  - 2. Next, both coaches will agree upon a volunteer to umpire the game. If an agreement is reached the game will be considered official and a protest will not be allowed. If an agreement cannot be reached, the game will be rescheduled by the League Director.
  - 3. The home team must notify the Athletic Office with the volunteers name and phone number so that they will be compensated for their service.

17. **UNIFORMS:**

Recommended but NOT required.

18. **COACH RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A) Promote & demonstrate **SPORTSMANSHIP, INTEGRITY & LEADERSHIP**.
- B) Ensure the team registration and player fees are paid on the required due dates.
- C) Ensure team roster is submitted **PRIOR** to the first scheduled game.
- D) Adhere to the Association and League rules and inform their players with the content. Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for a violation.
- E) Keep address and phone number current with the league director.
- F) Attend scheduled coach's meeting(s).
- G) Notify team members of any changes to the schedule due to inclement weather.

19. **LEAGUE DIRECTOR:**

- A) League Director may be reached by contacting the Athletic Office at 360-473-5427 or email @ [Scott.Evans@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:Scott.Evans@ci.bremerton.wa.us).
- B) Has the authority to make rulings on any matter related to all Bremerton Parks and Recreation sponsored Leagues (see rule #9 letter C).