



MODIFIED SOFTBALL – RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Eligibility** – City of Stamford Residents and non-residents
2. **Teams** – Teams shall consist of at least 14 players. There is no upper limit as to the number of players, provided that all the rules are observed.
3. **Rosters** – Are due before your first game and no player may be added after July 1, 2018
4. **Managers** – Each team will have two contacts who will be responsible for:
 - a. Notifying their team of scheduled games
 - b. Cancellations
 - c. Representing the team at league meetings
5. **Minimum number of players** – A team may play an official game with 9 rostered players. See USA rules on minimum number of players.
6. **Official Game**
 - a. An official game will consist of 8 full innings
 - b. A new inning may not begin after 1 and 1 half hours. For example, top of the 7th inning, 1 ½ hour passes, the 7th inning will be completed and the 8th inning will not be played. The game will be considered complete at that point, even if it's a tie.
7. **Batting** – All rostered players may bat in turn in every league game.
8. **Ball and Strike Count** – The umpire shall call balls and strikes based upon 4 balls and 3 strikes. A foul or tip on the 3rd strike is and out.
9. **Substitution** – The league has free substitutions of players
10. **Bats** – Bats will be provided by the City of Stamford. Players are reminded that they must take care of all City property.
11. **Balls** – The ball to be used is the DeBeer Clincher F12 Gold Softballs
12. **Base Running** – Please refer to base running rules outlined in the USA Rulebook.
13. **Sliding** – Sliding is only permitted to go under a tag. Take out slides, blocking the base and decoying is not permitted for safety reasons. These types of plays will result in ejection and suspension from league play.
14. **Umpires** – Umpires will be assigned for each game

15. **Pitching**

- a. The pitcher shall put the ball in play by standing with both feet near the rubber.
- b. The pitcher shall make a continuous motion – take only one step towards the plate and must deliver the ball in an underhand motion, palm up.
- c. Repeated violations of the pitching rules will result in a pitcher being removed from the game.
- d. The umpire shall have broad authority in the enforcement of the pitching rules.

16. **Arguments and appeals** – An appeal can only be made on the misinterpretation of a rule by an umpire. No appeals will be accepted on judgement calls by an umpire.

17. **Removal from game** – Any player that is removed from the game by and umpire, will be suspended for a minimum of 8 days. This means that the ejected player may not participate in any City of Stamford Leagues for 8 days or longer.

18. **Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, we will try to notify, all teams via email/text alerts. Unless you are notified, all games are on.

19. **Forfeits** – All teams must abide by the forfeit agreement. 24 hour notice is required to avoid paying the umpire fee.