



## CITY OF STAMFORD

### MODIFIED SOFTBALL

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Eligibility** – City of Stamford Residents and non-residents
2. **Teams** – Teams shall consist of at least 14 registered players. There is no upper limit as to the number of players, provided that all the rules are observed.
3. **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
4. **Minimum number of players** – A team may play an official game with 9 rostered players. See ASA rules on minimum number of players.
5. **Official Game** – An official game will consist of 9 full innings. A new inning may not begin after 1 and 1 half hours. For example, top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, 1 ½ hours passes, the 8<sup>th</sup> inning will be completed and the 9<sup>th</sup> inning will not be played. The game will be considered complete at that point, even if it is a tie.
6. **Batting** – All rostered players may bat in turn in every league game.
7. **Ball and Strike Count** – The umpires shall call balls and strikes based upon 4 balls and 3 strikes. A foul or tip on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is an out.
8. **Substitution** – The league has free substitutions of players
9. **Bats** – Bats will be provided by the City of Stamford. Players are reminded that they must take care of all City property.
10. **Balls** – The ball to be used is the “Gold Dot”. .44 Cor, 325lb compression
11. **Base Running** – Please refer to base running rules outlined in the ASA Rulebook.

12. **Sliding** – Sliding is only permitted to go under a tag. Take out slides, blocking the base and decoying are not permitted for safety reasons. These types of plays will result in ejection and suspension from league play.
13. **Umpires** – Umpires will be assigned each game.
14. **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.
15. 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.
16. Removal from game – Any player that is removed from the game by an 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.
17. 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.
18. Forfeits – All teams must abide by the forfeit agreement. 24 hours notice is required to avoid paying the umpire fees.