

SOFTBALL RULES FOR THE 1954 SOFTBALL SEASON

1. A team shall field nine men.
2. A team roster shall not exceed the twelve man limit.
3. Additions or replacements can be made only with unanimous consent.
4. A game shall consist of seven innings.
5. Choice of innings by toss of coin.
6. It shall be a regulation game if it be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, etc. provided five or more innings have been played. (Four and a half if the team bats last is ahead.
7. PITCHING: Preliminary to pitching the pitcher shall come to a full stop, facing batter, ball held in both hands in front of body, at least one foot on the rubber.
- b. In act of delivering the ball to batter, the pitcher shall not take more than one step, which must be forward, toward the batter.
- c. A legal delivery shall be a ball which is delivered to the batter underhand and with a follow-through of hand and wrist past the straight line of the body. Pitcher may use any wind-up he desires but in final delivery the hand shall be below the hip, and the wrist not farther from the body than the elbow.
8. There shall be no stealing and no lead-off. The base runner is out in each case.
9. A base-runner may leave base after ball has left pitcher's hand but must return unless the batter hits to fair territory. Base runner can be tagged out in returning to base.
10. Batter is automatically out and may not advance to first if catcher drops a third strike.
11. Base-runners may not advance on a passed ball at home plate. They may advance one base on overthrow at 1st and 3rd if ball goes into foul territory. There is no limit if ball is in fair territory.
12. Infield fly rule does apply.
13. Bunting is Permitted.
14. Each umpire shall call plays at 1st and 2nd for three and a half innings. Plate umpire calls decisions at 3rd and home.
15. No decisions of the umpires may be appealed unless misinterpretation of Rules.
16. Games will start at 5:15; called at 5:25 if a full team is not represented.
17. Time will be decided by umpires and their watch.
18. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are designated playing days.

SCHEDULE

KEY NUMBER OF EACH TEAM

#1--SPA'S #2--NITE HAWKS #3--COTTONPICKERS #4--DRAFT TECH

April 27--2 vs 4	April 29--1 vs 3	May 4--2 vs 1	May 6--3 vs 4
May 11--1 vs 4	May 13--2 vs 3	May 18--PLAYOFFS 1st place vs 4th	
May 20--PLAYOFFS 2nd place vs 3rd		May 25--**CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS**	

Rules and Schedule

APPROVED:

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