

Charlton Softball

Intro Pitch Division

Spring 2005

General

1. All games must start on time. Coaches will appoint a spectator or assistant coach from each team to work the game. One umpire may be used if umpire is acceptable to both teams. It is the responsibility of both coaches to instruct the umpires to the ground rules and basic book rules.
2. Umpires and coaches are asked to police themselves in speeding up games. Players should have balls and gloves ready to RUN to their positions at the end of each half inning. Catchers should have shin guards on unless they are on base, at bat, or on deck. Coaches should be ready to help catchers put on their equipment on.
3. Umpires have the authority to speed up games by disallowing warm-ups between innings in slow moving games.
4. No games shall start the top of an inning after quarter to the hour of the next scheduled game. NO EXCEPTIONS. Weeknight games shall not start an inning after 7:55 p.m. EXCEPTION: If a game is tied at the end of regulation, it will be at the umpires discretion if it is light enough to continue.
5. If tied game is the last scheduled meeting of two teams and has an impact on the final standings, then it should be played at a mutually agreed upon time
6. All teams should have their player's report to the field no later than 20 minutes before the beginning of their game. If prior game delays the start of ensuing game, then no infield practice should be allowed. Warm-ups should be done in a safe, flat area away from the game, and spectators.
7. Appropriate laced sneakers or rubber cleats, and socks along with team shirts and and visors must be worn. NO JEWELRY OF ANY TYPE IS ALLOWED. Players may wear appropriate shorts if also wearing an approved sliding and sliding shorts. For Intro mouth guards are mandatory.
8. All players shall remain in the dugouts unless playing defense, batting, on base, or on deck. When in the dugouts all players must remain behind the fence. No parents or siblings aloud in dugout this is the girls area.

THE GAME

Teams will play ten fielders per inning. Players should be placed in each infield position and one player at the mound (while the coach is pitching). The remaining players should be in the outfield grass area (outfielders feet should stay on grass during start of pitch).

Coaches are allowed in outfield.

Games will consist of 6 innings.

An 11 inch ASA hard softball will be used

All players are to be included in a continuous batting order and the 10 batter rule will apply in all innings.

Helmets must be worn by batters, batters on deck, and base runners.

No bunting.

No infield fly rule

Three swings are an out and three outs from start of season. No extra pitches.

Sliding is permitted and encouraged.

Coaches, parents, and players will pitch from 35'. When coaches or parents pitch, the player at the pitching position must have one foot within the circle. If no circle is present, the player should be within 5' of the rubber.

Players pitching will start from the beginning of the season. Players will pitch first four innings with the Coaches, or Parents pitching the 5th and 6th. At beginning of season after two walks Coaches will pitch remainder of the inning and player will take over in the field. Pitchers will continue to pitch four innings after game six but will increase the number of walks allowed per inning to three. This will be adjusted one further step when the playoffs begin, pitchers will throw five innings starting first game of the playoffs and be allowed three walks per inning.

If the coach hits a batter with a pitch, the batter is not awarded first base. If a player that is pitching hits a batter, the batter will be awarded first base.

Balls and strikes will be called when players pitch. Balls will not be called when Coaches, or Parents pitch.

Batted balls that reach the outfield grass on ground or air-the batter may be sent for as many bases as possible until the ball gets back within the pitching circle.

Base runners may advance one base (2nd or 3rd) on an overthrow. They cannot however be sent home. There will be a limit of five advancements per inning on overthrows.

Base runners may take a two step lead upon the ball's release from the pitchers hand. No stealing,

or advancing on a dropped third strike.

Running on batted ball- Advancing on bases-No runners advance unless the batter advances. Runner can only take as many bases as the batter. **Runner on second, batter hits ball to the outfield grass and stops at first. The runner must stop at third and cannot be sent home. Runner should be sent back to the base if they took too many bases.

CONDUCT

1. ANY HEATED OR ANIMATED ARGUMENTS ON THE PLAYING FIELDS FROM COACHES OR PLAYERS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EJECTION AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION.
2. Any player, manager, coach or scorekeeper using profanity will be immediately ejected and brought before the Executive Board.
3. Any spectator sing profanity towards anyone on the field, or arguing with an umpire about a call will be ejected immediately from the field.
4. **THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING, DRINKING OF ALCOHOL, OR DRUGS ALLOWED OR TOLERATED ON OR AROUND THE FIELD.**

GENERAL

1. One representative from each team is responsible for preparing the field for play.
2. Concession Stand-Both team's managers are responsible to ensure there is one parent from each team running the concession stand during their games. At least 1 ADULT from each team must be in the stand at all times. This responsibility can be delegated to a team administrator.
3. **Cancellations-** Games may be canceled only for reasons of school, church conflicts, or due to in climate weather. The division director is responsible for game cancellations prior to a game. However, if a game has not been called off (usually due to weather) and the teams have reported to the field, the managers are responsible to make the call on cancellations up until game time. If the managers can't agree, then a board member **Not involved in the game** must be contacted to make the decision (in the following order....) 1. DIVISION DIRECTOR 2. LEAGUE PRESIDENT 3. LEAGUE VICE PRESIDENT.
4. Home team- The home team shall occupy the dugout on the third base side of the field.

