

## **Sheboygan County 4-H Softball**

### **Fun League Rules 2019**

If you have any questions, contact Julie Carbaugh, County Softball Coordinator at 980-1307.

#### **Teams:**

1. A team shall consist of ten players that are currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. The average age of players on the field at one time must be 14.0 years old or less. If 10 players are on the field, the total number of years cannot surpass 140. If only 9 players are playing, the total number of years cannot surpass 126.
3. A team may play with only 9 players.
4. Free substitution will be allowed to give younger players more time to play.
5. Adult leaders and parents are NOT allowed to play.

#### **Game Length:**

1. Games are played on Monday nights at 6:00 pm. Time and date can change if both teams agree in advance.
2. Games will be 7 innings.
3. A complete game is considered 4 full innings (in case the game has long innings or it rains).

#### **Canceling and Rescheduling:**

1. Games shall be played at time and place listed on schedule, unless it is rescheduled with consent of both coaches.
2. All games must be played within the week scheduled, except in case of rain, wet grounds, or forfeit.
3. Games cancelled due to rain or wet ground should be rescheduled within 2 weeks by agreement of both team coaches.
4. Home team is responsible for canceling.
5. Games canceled due to rain should be canceled at least 2 hours prior to game time, or as soon as possible.

### Miscellaneous:

1. Due to conflicts of several teams using the same home field, some teams may be scheduled to play more home games or more away games.
2. Each team must provide 1 umpire for each game. The umpire may be a coach but who would not coach during the time he/she is acting as umpire. A player can step in to coach in that absence.
3. \*\*\*For safety, please ensure that an adult is the last person to leave the field following a game. Do not leave players unattended while waiting for a ride.

### Playing Rules:

1. Pitching will be slow pitch.
2. There will be 4 balls and 3 strikes per batter.
3. Runners cannot leave the bases until the bat is swung.
4. No stealing, sliding, or bat throwing is allowed (these actions will result in an out).
5. Pitch must have a 3-10 foot arch from the pitcher's hand. Home plate along with the mat will be considered a strike. Umpire's call will reflect both conditions.
6. The infield fly rule will not be enforced; there can only be 1 out for this.
7. There should not be more than 1 foot on the base when fielding.
8. After a team is leading by 10 runs, that team can only bat through the order once in that inning. After that, the team may only bat around the order once in each following inning.

### Equipment:

1. Players are not allowed to wear spikes of ANY kind. All players must wear flat-bottomed, close-toed shoes. No plastic spikes of any kind; no flip flops or sandals.
2. Any player playing the position of catcher MUST wear a mask. Each team is responsible for supplying their own catcher's mask.
3. A mat must be used at all games. The mat should be 18 inches across, and 27 inches long (see Figure 1).
4. Each team must supply 2 new SAFE-SOFT balls for the season; yellow is preferred.
5. Bats must be taped and must be softball bats. Bats are up to the discretion of the umpire.

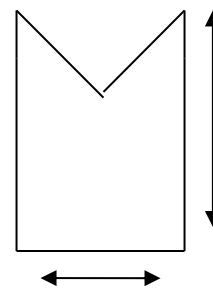


Figure 1

6. Home teams/captains are responsible for putting away bases, lights out at the park, and any park rental fees.
7. Bases at Camp Riversite should be put in the light box after each game.

**Sportsmanship:**

1. At the end of each game, each player will shake hands with each member of the opposing team, including coaches.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct shown by any player will result in an ejection from the game by the umpire.
3. The coach is the only person to approach the umpire or question a call.
4. Please respect and follow all rules.