

SOFTBALL SAN DIEGO - GUIDELINES for CANYONSIDE / HOURGLASS / MIRA-MESA

League Director - John Grondona – (858) 271-0826, 24 hour emergency pager (619) 261-0826

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- **ALL PLAYERS** must be 18 years of age or older. - **LEAGUE FEES** are due in total by the registration deadline or participation cannot be guaranteed.
- **PLAYER ADDITIONS:** no additions past ROUND 1 of any season need written consent of all mgrs.& league director.

ALL ROSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR on or before managers meeting

If you FORFEIT A GAME you must mail \$22.00 to John Grondona + FORM
Payable to John Grondona before you're next scheduled game or you will forfeit you next game
ADDRESS: 11828 Clearwood CT., San Diego, CA 92131

GAME TIMES, GAME TIMES ARE OFFICIAL START TIMES, i.e. clock starts at game time.

CANYONSIDE No inning after 1:05, Kill time 1:10 from scheduled game start time. Game times 6:30p / 7:40p / 8:50p

HOURGLASS No inning after 1:10, Kill time 1:15 from scheduled game start time. Game times 6:30p / 7:45p / 9:00p

MIRA MESA No inning after 1:15, Kill time 1:20 from scheduled game start time. (9 – inning games) Games start at 8:30 am

- **GRACE PERIODS**, ALL LEAGUES have a 10-minute grace period, out of game time.
- **NUMBER OF INNINGS** - 3 pitch games have a 9 inning length / time permitting / Slo-pitch games will have a 7 inning length / time permitting
- **PLAYER PICKUPS**, TEAMS may "pick-up" PLAYERS from other teams within the League to obtain a fielded team of 8 PLAYERS.
Additional PLAYERS picked up only with the opposing MANAGERS approval, 10 total.
- **METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED**
- **PROTESTS** must be E-MAILED within 72 hours of the finish of the game to the LEAGUE DIRECTOR and must be declared before the last out of the last inning to the umpire and the opposing manager.
- A **MINIMUM OF 8 PLAYERS** AT GAME TIME (+ GRACE PERIOD TIME) are needed to start game. TEAMS FORFEITING TWO GAMES CAN be dropped from the league WITHOUT NOTICE without a refund.
- **EJECTION'S, ALL EJECTION'S ARE SIGHT AND SOUND**, UMPIRES have complete authority on the field. PLAYERS directing any profanity, vulgar language or gestures to an UMPIRE or ANOTHER PLAYER shall be immediately ejected from the game. As long as a team can field at least 8 players - a forfeit shall not be declared. When an ejected player batting position comes up, that is not recorded as an out, UNLESS THAT PLAYER WAS EJECTED FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT. MANAGER OF AN EJECTED PLAYER SHALL INFORM THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR WITHIN 48 HOURS. DIRECTOR can impose game(s) / league suspension. Any manager failing to report an ejection to the league director faces game(s) suspension.
- **SUBSTITUTE RUNNERS**, this League believes in a "relaxed" use of substitute runners.
- **BATTING ORDERS**, all PLAYERS are required to play offense but do not have to play defense and after UMPIRE SAYS PLAY BALL new players are placed at the bottom of the batting order.
 - Ejection or Player leaves the game there is no penalty to PLAYER/TEAM for any reason.
 - Co-Rec. bats male / female – and substitute runners accordingly – male / female.
- **TIE GAMES**, each team is awarded 1/2 win and 1/2 loss. Games can continue time if time has not expired.
- **LEAGUE PLAYOFFS / STANDINGS - TOP 4 SINGLE ELIMINATION ONE NIGHT**. Standings determined head to head. Or head to head with the first Place team. League. Standings and playoff information will be available on the web site.
ALL LEAGUES EXCEPT SUNDAY MORNINGS AT MIRA MESA RECREATION CENTER USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:
2nd plays 3rd - 1ST GAME - 1st plays 4th - 2ND GAME, winners play 3RD GAME - single elim., all games flip for home team
- **LEAGUE AWARDS: All Except Mirs Mesa-Sundays**. Winner of League = 50% / Winner of Playoffs = 50% (if different teams) if the winners of both are the same then the winner of both gets 55% and second place in the tournament gets 45%.
- **SCORES AND GAME TIMES**, Umpire keeps the score / please verify every 1/2 inning. Winning Managers call / e-mail scores to the league administrator. Home team is official book. After 1st inning there is no warm-up balls for infield or outfield.
- **UMPIRE FEES**, Umpires are paid on the field prior to the game start, \$11.00/game/team (CASH ONLY)
- **BATS:** The use of all **BATS with a BPF RATING OVER 1.2, full TITANIUM models or the MIKEN ULTRA I or MIKEN ULTRA II bats** are illegal in this association. Penalty for Use: Batter will be called out and subsequent removal of bat from the game.
- **PLAYERS CANNOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DURING ANY GAME, EITHER ON OR OFF THE FIELD.**
PLAYERS caught consuming beverages during the game will be **immediately ejected**. If an Umpire feels that any PLAYER is playing under the influence of anything that player shall be immediately removed from the game / an out is not recorded.

*******HOURGLASS COMMUNITY PARK is part of a school campus and has a NO ALCOHOL policy anywhere / anytime.**

PENALTY FOR DRINKING AT THE HOURGLASS COMPLEX is POSSIBLE suspension from ALL HOURGLASS SOFTBALL PROGRAMS.

*******UMPIRES NOT SHOWING UP**, You are responsible for officiating the game yourself and calling in the scores

MEN AND COED SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

- **PITCHING:** This League plays slow pitch, 5-12 foot arc within the guidelines of ASA.
- **5 WARM-UP pitches** the first inning all remaining innings shall have only one warm-up pitch with NO INFIELD.
- **TWO-UP-HOME-RUN-RULE:** (SUNDAY DAY only Mira Mesa fields 1 & 2)
If a team has hit two home runs more then the opposing team then each subsequent fair ball hit in fair territory over the fence shall be counted as a ground rule single until the opposing team has hit at least one home run as defined herein. Runners advance only if forced.
- **THIRD STRIKE FOUL, THE BATTER IS OUT.**

COED SOFTBALL RULES

- **At least (3) women must play defense at all times. No minimum for men.** Defensively teams play with (4) women and (6) men.
Total of (10) on the field. Minimum amount of players is 3 women and 5 men before a forfeit is declared. At no time can a team field more then 6 men.
I.e. a team could play with 5 or more women defensively.
- **When a woman is batting at least three defensive players** must be behind on the co-ed line until ball is hit.
- **Co-Ed teams must alternate men / women** in batting order. Each has separate batting order throughout the game.
- **Sliding at 1st base is illegal, runner is out if he or she slides, however the runner may slide if approaching from 2nd base.**
- **Sliding at home is illegal and the runner is automatically out if they touch homeplate before touching the carpet.**

COED SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

- **If a male walks then he is awarded 2nd base and the women can either bat or take first base.**
- **If a male batter walks on a 4-0 count, he is allowed to take 2nd base, otherwise he may only take first base.** If the batter gets awarded 2nd base, runners advance only if forced. I.e.: If a male batter **receives a strike during his at bat** then that batter, if walked, only goes to first base.
- Co-Ed Slo-Pitch uses a half-way line and a carpet for home plate

WOMEN & COED 3-PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

- Offensive team provides pitcher / pitcher must wear glove.
- **Pitcher must keep a "safe" distance from home plate** (umpires discretion).
- **Pitched ball hitting ground is still live and the batter may put it in play by hitting the ball on the third pitch only.**
- Batter gets three pitches only, runners can tag up on caught foul balls.
- **If pitcher intentionally touches hit ball** the batter is out. If pitcher is hit unintentionally then the ball is dead (no pitch). Umpires discretion. (3-PITCH ONLY)
- **If pitcher is hit on** a thrown ball in an attempt to throw a runner out, ball is declared dead and runners return to last base touched. (Ump. Discretion)
- An infielder or catcher must return the ball to the pitcher at the conclusion of play. The pitcher is under no obligation to catch a ball thrown from an outfielder, the runners may advance, at their own risk. Umpire should call time out after play is dead or if an infielder has possession of the ball.
- There will be a "**commit-line**" halfway to home from third. Once crossed a runner may not go back to third and it is a force out at home.
Runner coming home touches carpet only, def. player touches plate only.
Runners are ruled automatically out if they touch home plate before touching the carpet.
- **Time out** is called only when an infielder has possession of the ball.
- At a teams option a rostered player can pitch and does not have to play offense or defense during the game.

Questions with standings call your league administrator:

<u>HOURLASS</u>	<u>WEDNESDAYS #'s 1-2-3-4:</u>	John Grondona Jr.,	(619) 460-5250
<u>HOURLASS</u>	<u>TUESDAYS 1-2-3:</u>	Bill Taylor,	(858) 549-2727
<u>MIRA MESA</u>	<u>SUNDAYS 1 and 2 :</u>	Roger Mathias,	(858) 693-0649
<u>CANYONSIDE M,T,W, / HOURLASS FRIDAYS / SUNDAYS</u>		Gloria Schafer	(858) 232-0641

On behalf of myself and all the people that make Softball San Diego possible we wish to thank each of you for your participation.

Feel free to contact us at any time regarding any matter (619) 261-0826.

Thank You, John Grondona

PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT IN YOUR SCOREBOOK TO REFER TO IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.