



### Governing Body: USSSA Rules

1. The run rule for all leagues will be 15 after 5 innings.
2. All batters assume a one-ball, one-strike upon entering the batter's box. **No courtesy foul.**
3. In the event extra innings are needed and/or a tie remains after time has expired, the batters will start with a 3-2 count. One pitch only, no courtesy foul. The last out of the previous inning will go to second base (ITB).
4. Hitting up the middle is considered a safety issue and unsportsmanlike conduct. Any player going to hit up the middle intentionally will be out and automatically removed from the game. The call is considered a judgement call by the umpire and cannot be protested.
5. Only one courtesy runner per inning may be used. The courtesy runner will be the last recorded out. If it is the first inning of the game, no courtesy runner may be used until an out is recorded.
6. There will be no stealing of a base in any division.
7. All divisions will have a 5HR limit. Excess homeruns will be ruled as outs.
8. All teams must have shirts alike in color with permanent numbers on the back by the 2<sup>nd</sup> league scheduled game. Tape does NOT constitute a permanent number.
9. Scheduled game time is FORFEIT time. No exceptions!
10. You may start the game with no less than required.
  - a. Men's- 9 (Out will be recorded on 10<sup>th</sup> batter)
  - b. Co-Ed- 4 or 5 women/4 or 5 men (out will be recorded on 10<sup>th</sup> batter)
  - c. Co-Ed- 4 women/4 men (out will be recorded on 9<sup>th</sup> batter and 10<sup>th</sup>)
11. Completed lineup card must be turned into the umpire at the start of each game during the pre-game meeting at home plate. Line up cards will be available at the Recreation Hall and at the fields during league nights.
  - a. First name, last name and numbers are mandatory on the lineup card.
  - b. Lineup cards will be provided at the Recreation Hall or at the field during league night.
12. Each team will be responsible for purchasing all game softballs. Balls will be available at the Rec Hall or at the fields for \$5.00. **Balls must have the SPARD athletics logo on it.** No Exceptions.
13. All bats must be an up to date USSSA, NSA or ISA approved certification mark on the bat. No senior or ultra-bats allowed. To view bats that are approved you may visit the website of the above associations. Bats will be inspected and compression tested before the games at the fields. If the bat passing a SPARD employee will place a hologram sticker on the bat. In order to use the bat in league play, it must have this sticker. No Exception.
14. All fees are due by the **first** league game day. Fees must paid to Recreation Hall. Registration fees are refundable until the schedules are posted.
15. A team rosters must be turned in by the first scheduled game. All players participating in the league must sign the roster before he/she is eligible to play. Roster additions can be made until the **start of 3rd** game of league play. **After that, all rosters will be frozen. No Exceptions.** Additions may be added at the Rec Hall or the fields during league play. Once a player participates with a team, he/she cannot be removed to participate on another team in the same league. Photo ID will be required upon request of SPARD staff and **all league and tournament games.** Photo ID must correspond with correct name on roster.

16. Players can only play on one team per league.
17. SPARD does not condone or encourage consuming alcoholic beverages in our facilities and anyone doing so is subject to local laws enforced by SPD. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the field area. Field area includes; playing field, dugouts, score stands, bathrooms and bleachers. SPARD staff reserves the right to ask anyone under the influence of alcohol or excessively consuming alcoholic beverages to leave the facility and/or prohibit said person and/or team from participating in future games.
18. NO INDIVIDUAL (PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS) SHALL:
  - a. Demonstrate un-sportsmanlike conduct by throwing gloves, bats, balls or any other forceful action.
  - b. Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by an official (except team manager).
  - c. Use unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game.
  - d. Use abusive or intimidating language or gestures toward any official, recreation staff, or individual on or off the playing field.
  - e. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time on or off the playing field.
19. In case of inclement weather, it will be the manager's responsibility to contact SPARD. **Field status will be posted by 3:00PM each day.** SPARD will email team manager of game status if games are rained out and of any schedule change. **League cancellation number 254-918-1290 extension 478. We will post changes on Stephenville Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page of any changes to field status after 3pm.**
20. Schedules and announcements are posted at <http://recpro.stephenvilletx.gov>
21. Join, Like, Share and Follow the Stephenville Parks and Recreation department facebook page.

**If there are any questions contact us at the Recreation Department, 254-918-1295 or come by and see us at 378 W. Long Street.**