



## MILESPORTS BUFFALO SOFTBALL RULES

After the start of the game, the umpire assigned to the game shall be the sole judge of whether or not the field and/or weather conditions are favorable or unfavorable for play.

A game is Considered Complete after 4 full innings or if the game time limit is reached.

It is **prohibited** for any manager/captain to postpone a scheduled game without permission from the M[ilesports league office.

The M/ilesports softball league reserves that right to cancel regular season and playoff games at its discretion at any time.

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules will apply in those situations where there is no conflict with rules of the Milesports Buffalo Softball Eules.

Each game will be 7 innings or 1 hour & 10 minutes. No new inning will start 1 hour & 10 minutes from the start of the game by the Umpires watch. If tied after 7 innings, **a tie will be awaded.**

All regular season games will begin promptly as scheduled. A team failing to be ready to play at the scheduled time forfeits the game to the scheduled opponent at the discretion of the umpire. There ae NO grace periods.

A team awarded a win by forfeit must notify the Softball Office with a winning score of 7-0, and let the office know that it is a forfeit win. For the team to be awaded the win athe \$20 fofeit fee must be paid to the Umpire. If the 2 teams play again the other team will pay both fees.

Two forfeits will suspend the team immediately for the remainder of the season No exceptions.

For men's a team may start and play with nine players. A team starting with 9 players must finish with 9. An out will be taken for missing a 10<sup>th</sup> batter. If a team starts with 10 players they must finish with 10 players, A team playing with 10 must have a sub for an ejected player to continue and finish with 10. If not the result is a **forfeit**.

Players are prohibited from wearing metal spikes. Any participant wearing metal spikes will be ejected from the game.

Any plays using an illegal bat will be **ejected from the game**.

The illegal bat list can be found here. <http://www.sfsoftball.com/illegal-bats/>

The team at bat is responsible for retrieving balls.

The winning team must email, text, or call in the final score within **24 hours**. The message must include the both team names, and the division name. Teams that do not contact the league with the score will receive a 0-0 tie. 553-3839

There are three courtesy runners allowed per game. Only 1 per Inning. The same runner may not run 2 times consecutively. The courtesy runner must be the last person out, and the last of that gender out in coed. If the courtesy runner's spot in the lineup comes while he/she is on base, they are out as a base runner and must bat.

The Buffalo Softball league reserves the right to not play a rained out game at the end of the season if it will have no bearing on the outcome of the final standings before playoffs.

## **PROTESTS**

All protests must be made at the time of the alleged Rule infaction. Calmly tell the ump you are protesting a call, rule or situation. Have the Ump sign the book and acknowledge the protest. **JUDGEMENT CALLS CANNOT BE PROTESTED**. Team have 24 hours to contact the league @ 553-3839 to inform them of the protest.

## **Co-ed**

The batter becomes a runner when four balls have been called by the umpire. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (a female) has a choice to walk or bat.

Girls only receive a 4th Courtesy strike. After 3 strikes any strike (or foul ball) to a girl results in a strike out.

There is no position rule. Any player (Male or Female) may play any position. However, there are 6 men and 4 women. There must be at least 1 woman in the outfield and 1 in the infield, as well as pitcher and catcher being opposite sex. If playing short then the outfield may be an odd number.

Teams can play with 9 players. If a team is playing 1 girl short then an out must be taken when the girl's position is up. If a guy walks and an open spot is up next the male stays at 1st.

No runner can be thrown out at 1st from the outfield unless the ball is touched by an infielder first.

### **Rainouts**

**We will inspect all fields and will call the games by 3PM. After 5pm the Umpires make the call at the field. After 5PM teams must show at the field or will receive a forfeit. If you have a game at 7:15 you may TEXT to see if the game is on.**

### **M/ilesports sportsmanship rule.**

**All players are expected to adhere to the M/ilesports sportsmanship rule. When the next play starts the argument is over. That means no arguing with the ump, other player or fans. If a ump hears you swearing or complaining after the call the player may be ejected.**