

2021 High School Fastpitch Rules

(361) 485-3200

The City of Victoria Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to change and implement new rules at any time. Victoria Parks and Recreation is committed to providing the best program possible to ensure the best environment for the players, coaches and their respective families. In case of inclement weather, it will be the manager's responsibility to verify game status. Game status can be verified after 3pm on game day by phone/email and cancellations will be posted on The Victoria Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Managers will also receive an email through Quickscores for any game changes. USSSA rules will be followed, any exceptions are listed in the Local Rules below.

LOCAL PLAYING RULES

- 1.) Scheduled game time is FORFEIT time (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- 2.) All games will be 75 minutes finish the inning or 7 innings. A new inning will not begin after 70 minutes.
- 3.) Game clock will begin immediately following the end of the manager's meeting.
- 4.) Lineup cards must be turned into the umpire at the beginning of the game.
- 5.) Teams are not required to submit a roster. Players may participate on multiple teams.
- 6.) All players must be between the ages of 13-18 years old and have not graduated high school.
- 7.) All coaches must pass a background check to be allowed in the dugout or field with the players. NO EXCEPTIONS. If a coach is found not to be eligible due to not completing & passing a background check, they will be ejected from the game. The coach will be allowed in the dugout or on the field once they have completed all requirements and have notified the Parks & Recreation Athletic Coordinator. ****You are considered to be a coach if you are in the dugout or on the field with the players****
- 8.) Teams may bat the bench. Lineups do not "collapse."
- 9.) All teams must have shirts of similar color with non-duplicating numbers from 0-99 on the back that are a minimum of 6 inches and clearly visible. All numbers must be permanently affixed to the shirts (i.e., no tape).
- 10.) Each team must furnish their own USSSA approved softballs for games.
- 11.) Any protests made on a player's eligibility must be made prior to the conclusion of the player in question's first at bat or first inning of play.
- 12.) ZERO TOLERANCE on profanity.
- 13.) A team that forfeits 2 or more game nights in a single season will be deemed ineligible for the end of season tournament. A team that forfeits 3 consecutive games will be dropped from the league without refund. Forfeited games will be recorded as 7-0 in Quickscores.
- 14.) During a forfeit, the forfeiting team will be responsible for paying for both team's umpire fees for that game. The forfeiting team must pay their forfeit fee of \$100 (each game forfeited) prior to the start of

their next scheduled game. Payment must be made to the Victoria Parks & Recreation onsite Recreational worker prior to the start of their next scheduled game.

*A team may forfeit a game and be exempt from the forfeit fee by informing the Rec Department (361-485-3200) before 12 pm on game day, only the team coach may call.

- 15.) In the event of a tie when time expires, the International Tie Breaker will be used. Batters will begin the next full inning with a 3-2 count, 1 out, and the player that recorded the last out of the previous inning will start on second base. Only one extra inning will be played in regular season games and games may end in a tie. During tournament play, additional ITB innings will be played as needed to determine a winner.
- 16.) Teams may agree to cap the number of runs scored per inning, but this agreement must be mutually agreed upon during the managers meeting before the start of the game.

RUN RULE

<u>15</u> runs	<u>3</u> innings
<u>12</u> runs	<u>4</u> innings
<u>8</u> runs	<u>5</u> innings