



**2019 Port Orange Men's Softball League**  
**A.S.A. Rules with the following exceptions**  
(Updated as of: 7/25/19)



1. The Port Orange Parks & Recreation Department and specifically the League Director has complete control of all activities at the field and they have the authority to ask anyone to leave the area for loud, obnoxious or disorderly behavior, drinking alcohol, or disregarding rules of the program. This will include all players, coaches and spectators. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture of your game and suspension. **Warning: there is no alcoholic beverages allowed on city property.**
2. The sponsorship fee is \$200 per team plus \$30 per player.
3. A coach/manager/team captain must be present during the mandatory pre-season meeting. If a team representative is not present you will not be able to play in the league.
4. There will be no obvious use of tobacco products during games.
5. All players must stay in the dugout during the game- with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> base coach, 3<sup>d</sup> base coach and next to bat.
6. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout.
7. There will be no use of profane language during games. First incident will be a warning from either the umpire/league director or staff. Second incident will be an ejection from the game.
8. All players must be 18 years old prior to playing in their first game. All team rosters will be at the field and will be checked by staff. The managers/coaches/team captains may add or drop a player. The league director holds the right to deny any/all roster changes. Players may switch teams only 1 time and must be before the deadline, after that date a player can only play on 1 team.
9. Rosters will remain open for the first 6 team games of the season. After the 6<sup>th</sup> team game additional player cannot be added to the roster. Players must play for a minimum of 4 games before being eligible to play in the tournament unless otherwise approved by the League Director.
10. All batters will start with a 1 and 1 count. On a second foul ball with 2 strikes the batter will be called out.
11. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Port Orange Softball leagues are designed solely for the recreational values derived from the sport of slow pitch softball for the players, managers, coaches, and spectators. Any player, team, manager, coach or spectator who displays any form of unsportsmanlike conduct such as flagrant rule violation, vulgar language, engaging in fighting, obviously attempting to injure someone (hitting "up the middle"), threatening or purposely touching a league official before, during or after a game may be suspended from Port Orange league play and/or all leagues or activities affiliated with Port Orange Parks and Recreation. In addition, the team will be placed on probation. ANY PERSON(S) EJECTED FROM THE GAME SHALL

LEAVE THE FACILITY AND/OR PARK IMMEDIATELY. Failure to leave the facility will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the umpire. There will be no refunds. Coach/ Manager shall be responsible for actions of his players and spectators. Coaches/ Managers are responsible for informing players and spectators of all rules. Badgering or taunting of opponents, officials, or spectators is prohibited. Ejected players MUST contact athletics to schedule a meeting with the Softball program director for reinstatement back into league play. **NOTE: We will police the dugouts during the games and if alcohol is found, then you will forfeit the game.**

12. All leagues will have open substitution.
13. Port Orange will supply the Softballs for each game. Will use a .44 cor and 375 compression softball.
14. Each team will be allowed 5 home runs per game; any additional home runs will be a double. You do not need to touch first base (hit and sit).
15. The pitching screen must be placed 3 feet in front and within the width of the pitching rubber. After the pitch, the pitcher can use his or her discretion to return behind the screen or to field the ball. The first batted ball in an at-bat that hits the screen will be a dead ball. The second time will result in an out. A thrown ball which hits the screen will remain a live ball.
16. ***Pitches that hit home plate or the pitching mat will be a strike.***
17. All players must wear like colored jerseys with an un-duplicated number. Players with non-matching jerseys can only play if the opposing manager agrees on it.
18. Before the start of each game, captains must meet with umpire for a coin flip to decide the home and away team. You must supply the other team with your line up 15 minutes before scheduled game time.
19. Game time: For all games- if one or both teams do not have enough players to start, we will start the clock. If after 10 minutes either team does not have enough players that team will forfeit. **Teams must have 8 players to start or finish a game.**
20. The length of the game will be 1 hour and 15 minutes or 7 innings whichever comes first. All ties will be played out. There will be no infield practice before any games. Three warm-up pitches will be allowed between innings.
21. In extra innings or after the completion of the time limit and the score is tied, starting at the top of each inning and each half inning thereafter the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who made the last out starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Each team will start with 1 out.
22. All rain-outs will be rescheduled by the Port Orange Recreation Department. If a game has been called due to inclement weather after 40 minutes of play or 4 innings the game is considered complete. Games suspended before the 40-minute mark will be resumed where the game left off,

including game time & score. Rain-outs will be communicated through the text rainout system. Please sign up for the RECALERT by texting RECALERT to 55678.

23. **There will be no protest- this is a recreational league.**
24. Awards: Team sponsor trophies awarded only for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams during league play. Tie-breaker for playoff seeding will go: Head to head record, runs differential in head to head games and a coin flip. Championship shirts will be given to the team that wins the playoff tournament.
25. All players must warm-up in the designated area only. No hitting balls into the fence.
26. Each team will be allowed 1 and only 1 courtesy runner each inning, that player will be the person who made the last out.
27. No metal cleats allowed.
28. Animals are not allowed on the playing fields or in the dugout.
29. Forfeited games can be played as a scrimmage but does NOT count toward standings. There will be no official during scrimmage games.
30. No Electronics allowed during play, i.e. Headphone, Cell Phone, etc.
31. The pitching arc will be 4 to 10 feet. Any sanctioned bat is legal if it is not altered except for the bats that are banned in all sanctions. (Miken Ultra 11, Worth Wicked, Easton Synergy, Louisville Slugger Genesis, etc.)
32. Run rule: 20 runs after 3 complete innings, 15 runs after 4 complete innings, 10 runs after 5 complete innings.
33. **If a team forfeits 3 games in a row they will be removed from the program with no refunds.**
34. Altered bats: any player caught using an altered bat will be removed from the league. Player risks suspension from other Port Orange recreational sports.

The Port Orange Parks & Recreation staff reserves the right to alter or deviate from the above rules to maintain fair play in our city parks.

The standings will be posted on the city of Port Orange website. <https://www.port-orange.org/534/Adult-Sports>

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