



HYLAND HILLS

Park & Recreation District

HYLAND HILLS ADULT SOFTBALL RULES

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All rules in conformance USA Softball (USAS), the only exception being Hyland Hills rules & **COVID-19 Supplemental Rules (2021)**.

1. ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR:

The Athletic Supervisor has the right to eliminate any team and/or player for any reason at anytime with no refund. Hyland Hills also reserves the right to re-classify a team at any point in the season in order to maintain a fair balance of competition.

2. LEAGUE CLASSIFICATIONS

(No team or player with an A or B classification will be allowed to play in a Hyland Hills softball league, as we do not operate a league that can accommodate that type of team/player.)

- **E-REC (Leisure)**: This level is for teams to come out and play for fun. This level is the least competitive level. **2 HR max.**

- **D-REC (Lower)**: This level is for the below average to average skilled teams who still enjoy an element of competition. **3 HR max.**

- **D-OPEN (Upper)**: This level is for the highest skilled league/tournament teams looking for the best competition. **4 HR max.**

3. ILLEGAL BATS:

Hyland Hills will use the ASA non-approved bat list for all leagues in 2019. Every bat used must have the 2000

ASA certification mark, the 2004 ASA certification mark or the new ASA certifications mark and the certification mark must be identifiable by the umpire to be considered legal. (There are a few bats that have the ASA certification mark that are now illegal. List is posted and will be provided to each team.) If the certification mark is not visible it will be up to the umpire's discretion on whether or not to allow the bat. Teams should visit <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball.aspx/> for more information concerning illegal bats.

A. Teams will place all bats in the provided bat bucket outside the dugout to be checked by the game official prior to the game. No bats may be removed or added during the game without permission from the game official.

B. Any player found using an illegal bat from the time they enter the batter's box and anytime throughout his/her at bat will result in the player being called out. If a team is found using an illegal bat a second time during the game, the team will forfeit the game.

If you are uncertain about a bat, ask a Hyland Hills supervisor or game official before using. **DON'T USE ILLEGAL BATS!** (Umpires should check all bats prior to play.)

C. ILLEGAL BAT USE: FIRST OFFENSE: Player will be called out. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Player will be ejected and suspended for a minimum of 1 game. **IT IS THE PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE A LEGAL BAT IS BEING USED AT ALL TIMES.**

4. GAME TIMES:

There will be a 10-minute grace period for the first scheduled game of the night. 5 "free" minutes then another 5 minutes of running game clock. If a team still does not have 8 players after the 10-minute grace the game will be recorded as a forfeit. For all other games that follow: Game time is forfeit time. Teams must have **8 ready to play by game time.**

5. SCOREKEEPING:

Each team is required to keep their own score. It is also recommended that teams keep score of the opposition. Any

discrepancy in scoring will favor the teams keeping score of both teams. ****Home and Away teams will be designated by the schedule.****

6. TIME LIMITS:

All games will have a 55-minute time limit from the time the umpire calls "play ball".

A. Complete Games: A game will be considered a complete game and no new inning started:

1) At the completion of seven innings and the game is not tied.

2) At the completion of 55 minutes and the game is not tied (if there is ANY time left on the clock after the final out of an inning has been made and there is no 10-run rule in effect, the next inning will be played).

3) The 10-run rule is in effect after 4 ½ - 5 innings, or 45 minutes, whichever comes first. (12 Step League also has a 15 after 3 innings.)

B. Extra Inning Play: All extra-inning games and games tied after the time limit **will go to one pitch; you either walk, strike out or take the result of the play. No exceptions. (Foul ball is an out).** You will also start the first extra inning with the last player who batted in the previous inning on second base with no outs. If, after one full extra inning, the game is still tied, the last player who batted from the previous inning will start on third base with no outs.

7. INCLIMENT WEATHER:

If a game must be called due to inclement weather, darkness, or any other potentially hazardous conditions, the game shall be considered complete if 5 or more innings have been played, or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.

8. ROSTERS:

Team Rosters are due before the first game of the season, but may be added to, up until the second game of the season for spring, the fourth game of the season for summer, and the third game of the season for fall. Rosters become frozen for the remainder of the season after those games. If completed rosters are NOT turned in by the second game of the season for spring, the fourth game of the season for summer, or the third game of the season for fall, teams will FORFEIT remaining games until completed roster is submitted. Players must be at least 18 years of age. Each player must sign the roster form to be considered an eligible player. Rosters will be submitted online through www.HylandHillsAthletics.com (TeamSideline). Acceptable profile pictures are required for players to participate. Players MAY NOT play for more than one team in the same league. Once the post-season tournament begins, players must remain with one team only. **Players who show up and play without submitting proper paperwork are playing at their own risk and are subject to trespassing.**

9. UNIFORMS:

Although we do not require jerseys #'s, we ask that each team wear similar colored shirts/jerseys.

10. CLEATS:

No steel cleats will be allowed in men's, women's, or coed softball.

11. ALCOHOL & DRUGS:

Alcohol and or drug use is PROHIBITED at all Hyland Hills parks and facilities. This

includes the bleacher and dugout areas. If any player or spectator violates this rule the umpire/site supervisor may forfeit the game and further action may be taken by the Hyland Hills athletic department.

12. PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:

Slow pitch teams may start and finish with a minimum of eight (8) players or a maximum of twelve (12) players. Men's league teams may bat up to 12 players, Women's league teams will be able to bat an unlimited number of players. In the event of:

A. A player or coach ejection, the game will be automatically forfeited even if the team has subs.

B. For injury reasons, team may finish with a few as eight (8) players and no out will be recorded (spot skipped) in the batting order.

13. INJURIES:

If a player is injured, removed from the game and NOT legally substituted for, the player CANNOT legally re-enter the game, PENALTY: Forfeit.

14. SAFETY BASE:

If the double first base is used, the batter/ runner must always run through the orange base on all infield plays to first base. All other situations, runner may connect with the white bag. Penalty: Batter/runner will automatically be out if orange base is not used.

15. PLAYS AT THE PLATE:

Base runners are NOT allowed to run into/make contact while standing/running with the player covering home plate to dislodge the ball. Baserunners can make contact with a LEGAL slide. If there is significant contact at

the plate caused by the base runner who did not slide, the base runner will be called out. (UMPIRES DISCRETION.)

16. **PITCHING:**

All leagues will play with a 1 and 1 pitch count. There will be a courtesy foul ball on the 3rd strike. The pitched ball must be delivered with noticeable arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 10 feet from the ground and cross the plate to be called a strike. *(The Twelve Step League will still use the 0-0 count with the plate being called a strike. Pitching Distances: Men's & Coed – 52 1/2'. Women 50'. A rubber strike mat will be used to help determine strikes & balls.*

17. **COURTESY RUNNERS:**

A team will be allowed a maximum of two (2) courtesy runners. The same two players in the lineup may request a courtesy runner every time they reach base. The replacement runner will be the person who was the last out. If that person is on base or up to bat, then the person farthest in the batting line up would run for the player who needs the courtesy runner. (Rule is meant for injured players, NOT FOR CONVENIENCE.)

18. **BLOOD RULE:**

A player/coach who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform cannot participate until he/she is treated and/or their uniform is changed. If that is accomplished in a "reasonable" time they do not have to leave the game. If needed, the last person to make an out will be the substitute for one inning

only, while the person is changing or being treated. If the injured player is unable to continue and there is no legal substitute, the person is out of the game.

19. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

Absolutely no **SWEARING** or **TAUNTING** will be tolerated at any Hyland Hills parks or facilities. Teams/players will be given a verbal warning by the umpire to clean up the language and behavior. Second offense will result in forfeit.

20. **PORTABLE MUSIC:**

Portable sound systems are permitted to be played by the current batting team during their game. No portable sound systems playing vulgar or profanity laced music will be allowed at any of the Hyland Hills Sports Complexes. Hyland Hills reserves the right to have guest turn off system. Please remember the Hyland Hills Sports Complexes are family parks.

21. **GAME PROTESTS:**

A \$50 protest fee will be charged to any team wishing to protest a game. A protest must be delivered to the Hyland Hills Athletic Coordinator **in writing within 24 hours after that game.** Judgment calls cannot be protested.

22. **ROSTER PROTESTS:**

A team making a roster protest must notify the game official that they have a roster protest before the player in question bats for the 1st time. (The protest must be made before the 1st pitch to the player in question.) The player in question must produce an ID within 5 minutes and must be on the

official roster and that player's signature must be on that roster to be considered a legal player. If the player in question is not on the roster or the player is on the roster but has not signed the roster, the player will be considered illegal and an out will called and that player will not be allowed to play in the game. No roster protests may be made after the team has batted through their lineup. (The clock will not stop for a roster protest.)

23. **EJECTIONS:**

Any player who is ejected from any game must:

A. First leave the premises entirely

B. Team forfeits the game (No substitution allowed)

C. Player serves an automatic 1 game suspension.

D. Pay a \$50 fine to Hyland Hills to be eligible to play in any Hyland Hills Leagues. (Any team problem that leads to multiple ejections will result in a \$100 team fine). FINE MUST BE PAID BEFORE THAT PLAYER OR TEAM CAN PLAY AGAIN!

E. Teams will forfeit games if it is found that an ejected player is playing without meeting the requirements listed above.

24. **HOME RUN RULES:**

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One up Rule: Will NOT be used. (Once a team reaches its maximum number of home runs, each home run after will be deemed an out until the opposing team reaches their maximum number of home runs. At that point, each home run will have to be matched by the opposing team before more home runs can be hit.)

25. FORFEITS:

If a team forfeits more than one game, that team will not be eligible for any league awards

or be allowed to play in the post-season tournament. **Forfeit is considered a game and a half loss.**

26. UMPIRES:

All players, managers and spectators will treat the umpires with respect. Any person / team that threatens or displays aggressive behavior towards an umpire will be disqualified from Hyland Hills and legal action may be taken.

27. TIEBREAKERS:

- a.) Lowest Number of Forfeits
- b.) Winning Percentage

- c.) Head to Head
- d.) Run differential in games played vs tied teams
- e.) Total runs allowed in games played vs tied teams
- f.) Total runs allowed season
- g.) Coin Flip

28. ELASTIC POWER:

The Athletic Supervisor and or Field Supervisor shall have complete charge of all situations not covered in the rules. Rules shall be acted upon by the supervisor, and all decisions are FINAL.

CO-ED SOFTBALL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. POSITION RESTRICTIONS:

No restrictions on batting stance for men or women. No restrictions to which positions they play in the field.

2. PLAYER RATIOS & BATTING ORDER:

Teams must start and finish with a minimum of eight players with at least 4 of them being female.

Teams may bat up to a maximum of 12 players. Batting order must alternate male and female.

Teams will be allowed to play or bat a MAXIMUM of 1 extra male with no penalty.

PLAYER RATIOS:

- **When on defense**, a team may play with one more male than female. Ratios below:
- 10 players: 5 Male/5 Female
- 9 Players: 5 Male/4 Female
- 8 Players: 4 Male/4 Female

- **When on offense**, a team may play with up to 12 players on their lineup with a maximum of one more male player than female player. Batting order must alternate male and female. Ratios Below:

- 12 players: 6 Male/6 Female
- 11 players: 6 Male/5 Female
- 10 players: 5 Male/5 Female
- 9 Players: 5 Male/4 Female
- 8 players: 4 Male/4 Female

TIP: If you have more males than females, write out two lineups and make sure the men follow the other men in the lineup (women bat in between men) and women follow the other women in the lineup (men bat in between women).

Teams can always play with more females than males with no penalties. Females can always bat back to back with no penalties.

3. OUTFIELD ARCH RULE:

All four outfielders must remain behind the 200' line until the ball is hit. If there is not a line, outfielders must be 20 feet beyond the grass/infield separation.

Penalty: If an outfielder crosses the arch, a delayed dead ball shall be signaled. The offense shall have the option of taking the result of the play or awarding batter (FIRST BASE).

4. MALE WALK RULE:

If a male player is walked, he will immediately advance to 2nd base. The following female batter WILL BAT WITH LESS THAN 2 OUTS. If there are 2 outs, the following female batter has the option of batting, or advancing to 1st base until time she enters the batter's box.

5. ASA MALE DOMINANCE RULE: will NOT be used in the coed leagues. (Hyland Hills will no longer be enforcing male dominance.)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATHLETIC WEBSITE – www.hylandhillsathletics.com

(Any and all info will be available at this site including weather updates.) It is the team manager's responsibility to check the website for any make-up game information.

HYLAND HILLS WEBSITE – www.hylandhills.org

WEATHER LINE – Visit hylandhillsathletics.com for any and all weather updates.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES:

Hyland Hills Sports Complex	303-650-7551 (Msg. line only)	8650 Zuni St.
Carstens Park Field	NA	90th & Camenisch
Hyland Hills Batting Cages	303-650-7676	8625 Zuni St.

ATHLETICS STAFF:

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MAKE- UP GAMES:

Games will be made up in this order of priority:

- A) The next week you play, on that night if possible (Double-Header)
- B) On Sunday's during the day at the Sports Complex (8600 Zuni) / Carstens
- C) Any other available day. – SATURDAY

TOURNAMENTS:

Hyland Hills will not be offering end of season tournaments for 2021. Instead we will be integrating playoffs into the seasons moving forward.

Thank you for choosing to play softball with Hyland Hills. Enjoy the season!

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