

Dalbo Area Ministries Softball League

Rules and Field Etiquette

Coaches,

Winning team please call or email your scores in within 24 hours of your game. Email is preferred.

Email: chuckcarstensen@hotmail.com or call Chuck at 612-290-3809.

Please go to league blog for league updates: <http://dalboareachurchsoftball.wordpress.com/>

To cut down on printing I have all the following on the blog. Please have you or someone from your team go to the blog to print these:

1. 2010 League Rules – Only update is going back to 2 balls (One for males, One for females) However print and have a copy with you in case of questions.

<http://dalboareachurchsoftball.wordpress.com/2010/04/12/2010-league-rules/>

2. ASA Non Approved Bats – There does not appear to be changes. If someone becomes aware of changes let me know and I will post an updated list and email the coaches. We will have a MANDATORY BAT CHECK/COACHES MEETING ON AUGUST 17TH. All bats you want to use for the tournament will be marked at that time. A reminder will be sent out later this season.

<http://dalboareachurchsoftball.wordpress.com/2010/04/24/asa-non-approved-bat-with-certification-marks/>

3. Division 1 and Division 2 Schedules will also be online for you to print or forward to team members if needed.
4. Coaches and Field directions and locations will also have a link for you to print if needed.
5. I have a FACEBOOK fan page up for the league. To find us just SEARCH: *Dalbo Area Church Softball League* and choose to LIKE the page.

Scores and standings will normally be updated once all the scores are in for the week. League news and notes will also be posted there. The schedule and league rules are on the blogs roll. You may have to scroll down the block to find the info as the newest post appears at the top of the page.

Prior to each game you are to review the field for safety, boundaries, base security, bat placement, bat list and out of bounds with both teams and umpires. Remember there is no alcohol, smoking or foul language on the field or benches. There is no smoking permitted on Church of School grounds.

Remind your players that when running to first base to run to the right hand side of the bag so as not to step on the first basemen's leg.

Each home team must provide the GAME BALLS that were purchased by the league.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, is the key, Be sure to have a first aid kit on hand.

REVIEW the rules with your players and remind them that arguing with the umpires is your job and they are not permitted to do so. If there are problems, complaints, or inappropriate behavior by anyone to include coaches and or umpires you must report it to Chuck and/or a member of the Rules and Competition Committee.

Remind your players to be mindful and respectful of the other teams, Churches, fields, players, coaches and umpires.

Please remember your actions directly affect how people see our league, our churches and our relationship with God.

Remember this league is based on evangelism and is meant for people of all walks of life to feel welcome. Please also remember to have fun, play for His glory and be safe. Best of luck on this season and God Bless!

Dalbo Area Ministerial Softball League Adult Game Rules for 2010 Season

*Rule 40 only rule updated from last year.

1. All A.S.A. Rules apply except those adopted as league rules.
2. A count of 3 balls and 2 strikes will be used in all games. One courtesy foul after 1 strike will be granted, after which a foul ball will result in an out.
3. No steel spikes are to be worn at any time. If steel spikes are used at any time, the player will be suspended for the season.
4. Pitchers get 5 warm-up pitches at the beginning of the inning. New pitchers get 10 warm-up pitches.
5. A pitch must have a minimum height of 3 feet from where it leaves the pitchers hand. This is determined at the umpire's discretion. There is no maximum height limit on pitches.
6. There is a 4 home run limit, per game, per team. After 4 it is an out (outside the park only).
7. All overthrows will result in one additional base from where the runners are when the ball goes out of play.
8. Boundaries on all fields must be clarified prior to each game to all players, managers, coaches, and umpires prior to the start of the game by the home team.
9. Pinch/courtesy runner must be the last out. Pinch runners are not gender specific.
10. Foul tip height limit: No minimum height limit. A caught foul tip is an out, the catcher must move glove to make catch.
11. Adult games will be played to a 15 run differential after 5 innings.
12. Two women must be on the field at all times. If you have only one woman, your team must play one fielder short. You may still bat all of your batters without taking an out when the second woman's spot comes up. If a team has no women, the game may still be played. The team with no women will play with only 8 players and be penalized 1 out per inning.
13. You may bat as many batters as you would like to start a game. If a player cannot bat when their turn comes, they may be skipped, but cannot return for the rest of the game. This is intended for the manager/coach to play all of the players for the entire game. The league would expect no team to intentionally skip a batter to gain strategic advantage.
14. Players are encouraged to wear modest and appropriate clothing.
15. Foul language will not be tolerated and will result in 1 warning. A second offense results in a player's disqualification from the game.
16. No smoking on the field or the bench.
17. No alcohol allowed on field or bench.
18. Players may not be intoxicated. Intoxication/sobriety to be determined by the coach, pastor and/or umpire.
19. Un-sportsman-like conduct by coaches, umpires, players or fans will be reviewed on a case-by-case incident.
20. Each team will receive a list of non-approved bats. Any bat that is not on the list is approved for use in the league.

21. If any illegal bat is used during the league tournament, that player will be suspended from playing for 1 year.
22. The basis of the league is Evangelism.
23. We are to witness and encourage *Christ*, fellowship, church attendance and church participation.
24. Christ rules the league, not any one church.
25. No one church is greater than the league.
26. No one church shall dictate how another does evangelism.
27. No individual church shall mandate, direct, and/or impose rules, policies, or qualifications for players contrary to league rules or league policy.
28. It is not necessary for players on teams to attend the church whose team they play on, or for players to attend church at all.
29. Churches are highly encouraged to invite un-churched individuals, individuals who smoke, troubled youth, etc, to participate, but not for the purpose of winning games, but rather to introduce them to Jesus Christ. If you can ask someone (player, parent, child's caregiver, etc.) to play softball, you can ask him or her to come to church.
30. In case of rain the home team will contact the visiting team by 5:30 PM if the game is to be cancelled. Coaches are responsible for rescheduling make-up games. Rescheduled games shall be made up before the last regular season game.
31. Age limits are as follows: Adult players must be 16 years of age prior to the start of the season. If age 15, the coaches from both teams must approve before the start of the game.
32. Prior to the start of each game - grace, honor, glory and thanks shall be given to God and Jesus Christ by both teams, as well as the coaches and umpires, at home plate. The Home team is to lead, and no hats are permitted on heads during this time.
33. Mat regulation is 22 inches wide by 36 inches long.
34. The league recommends each home team to supply a two-piece first base for safer plays.
35. Coaches are responsible for providing one or two knowledgeable umpires at their home games.
36. Bathrooms must be provided by the home teams.
37. All teams must start the season with new mats.
38. All complaints must be forwarded to the league through each team's coaches.
39. If there are players who are on multiple teams from the same church, they may move to a different team one time within the season. If they chose to move to a different team, they must stay with that team for the remainder of the season.
40. The league will provide 1 adult 12 inch #44 ball for each team, for each home game. And each team will be supplied with three or four 11 inch balls approx. one per every other home game. These balls will be used for female batters only.
41. Player must have played in at least four (4) regular season games to play in the tournament.
42. Teams that have 4 forfeitures or more during the course of the regular season will disqualify themselves from the league tournament.