

**2008 UNION ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. ASA Rules will apply and govern all games except for modified league rules as set by league director.
2. All league fees must be paid on time.
3. Teams are allowed a maximum of ten (10) fielders, plus two (2) extra hitters. No extra hitters may be added after the fourth inning.
4. A team must have at least eight (8) players to start. A team may add players as they arrive, but may never drop below eight.
5. Games will be seven innings. Five innings constitutes an official game. (4 ½, if visitors are behind). Fifteen (15) run mercy rule will apply after 4 innings. Twelve (12) run mercy rule will apply after 5 innings. No more than 2 courtesy runners allowed, last batted out runs. Once a runner is selected, he/she must be used for the entire game.
6. Both teams are to keep score. If a discrepancy appears, home team book is official.
7. Any player not on the team roster or using a different name is ineligible and will cause team to forfeit any games he/she appeared in.
8. Threatening an umpire by any player/team member will result in a suspension (time determined by director, based on situation and severity).
9. Any player/team member who does not serve his suspended time will cause his team to forfeit all games participated in by said player.
10. No alcohol may be brought to any field by anyone (exposed or concealed).
11. Under certain extreme circumstances a game may be postponed by the director at the request of a team. If there is no time slot to reschedule, the game will not be played.
12. Weather conditions may force postponements on certain or all fields. Teams must show up if no previous ruling has been made. Director, umpire, or designee will make site decisions. You should call 908-686-4200 or Rich at 908-416-6411 for updated field conditions or game decisions and replay dates.
13. Any game may be protested if manager/captain announces intention to the umpire at time of dispute, that protest is now in effect. A written copy of protest and reason for it, properly stated and quoted from rule book must be submitted to league director within 48 hours of games' completion. This copy may be faxed to the Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4114 or given to Rich D'Avanzo.

14. If a team withdraws or is suspended from the league, no money will be refunded.
15. Division champions in each league will be rewarded with prize money. The amount to be determined by director based on league's financial status.
16. Every attempt will be made to reschedule all rainouts. If time or condition do not permit this, those games with 1<sup>st</sup> place bearing will be played.
17. In the event of 1<sup>st</sup> place ties in a division, tie breakers will be as follows:
  - a. Head to head meetings.
  - b. Co-champions (divide prize money)
18. League playoffs will be held at the end of the regular season. The number of teams selected, the seeding of those teams, the dates of the playoffs, the final game format, any adjusted rules, etc., will be under the director's discretion.
19. No metal cleats are allowed.
20. Everyone in this league is representing The Township of Union when you are participating and/or spectating. The league director has an obligation to this league to represent it properly. This will be done.
21. Schedule time for the Women's League is 6:45PM (forfeit time 7:00PM).
22. Schedule time for the Men's League is 6:30PM (forfeit time 6:45PM) and 7:45PM (no forfeit time) and 9:00PM (no forfeit time).
23. Any team that forfeits two games during the regular season will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs. If a third forfeit occurs, that team will be disqualified from the league.
24. Any player(s) found to be using an illegal bat will be suspended from the league indefinitely. In addition, the manager of the team will also be suspended indefinitely, and the team will be put on probation for the remainder of the season. It will be upon the discretion of the league director and the Union Recreation Department as to when the individual and manager will be reinstated.
25. Homerun limit (over fence) for field #1 is three per team. After third homerun it becomes an automatic out.
26. Due to time constraints, when three games are scheduled on a field, the following will apply: 6:30PM Game-no new inning will start after 7:40PM.  
7:45PM Game-no new inning will start after 8:55PM.