

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
2010 CHURCH LEAGUE RULES

(Revised 5/20/10)

1. A regulation game is 7 innings; however, there is a time limit of (1:15) one hour and fifteen minutes after which no inning may start after 1:10
2. A team must have at least 8 players to begin and end a game, which only 6 can be males.
3. The first team listed on the schedule is the home team and will bat the bottom of the innings.
4. It is ruled a mercy if one team is up 25 runs in the 3rd, 20 runs in the 4th, 15 in the 5th and 10 in the 6thinning.
5. The pitch must have an arch of between 6-12 feet.
6. Each batter begins with a 1-1 count, one grace foul ball.
7. A mat will be used behind the plate to call balls and strikes. If the ball hits the mat or home plate and had a 6-12 foot arch it is ruled a strike. All other pitches that do not hit the mat or home plate and are not swung at are to be ruled a ball.
8. Three strikes results in an out. Four balls results in a walk. You are allowed one grace foul ball on a two-strike count.
9. **The batting lineup must alternate male and female players. If not enough females you may bat 2 males to 1 female. If this is the case, the other team may also bat with this lineup, even if they have enough females.**
10. If a male player is walked he is granted second base, and the following female player is given the option to either bat or have first base. If a male follows a male he must bat.
11. You may have a designated runner. A male must run for a male and female for female. The designated runner must be the previous male or female that made the last out. The designed runner can only be used once per inning.
12. Your team may have one home run per game, additional home runs count as fouls.
13. Runners must stay within the baseline. Fielders must stay out of the baseline. Fielders trying to make an out at a base may have their foot on the base, but must lean out of the baseline. This includes plays at home plate.
14. No leading off or stealing. A runner off of his or her base when the ball is hit is to be ruled an out.
15. A player must slide or opt out if there is a force out at any bag except first, which includes home plate.
16. A runner passing or touching the runner in front of him or her is to be ruled out.
17. Some Titanium and Mikken bats are illegal for league play. Due to the potential safety hazards involved with these bats, they are not allowed. We will use the ASA banned bat list.
18. We will use Men's Gold Dot Balls for all players.
19. After a ball is caught, runners must tag their originating base before running to the next base.
20. Overthrows that go into the dugouts or out of play will result in all runners moving up one base.
21. Three outs conclude a half inning. An out may occur by:
 - a. A count of three strikes
 - b. A ball caught on the fly.
 - c. A tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run
 - d. A runner ruled out of the baseline, or off base before the ball is batted
22. Outfielders must remain on the outfield grass until the ball is batted.
23. An attempt should be made to even out the field with male/ female players.
24. No smoking while in field of play.
25. It is illegal to consume alcoholic beverages on any city park.
26. The managers must provide first aid kits and be prepared to handle bodily fluids. Any player that is bleeding must be removed from the game until the wound is covered.
27. No metal spikes will be allowed in any slow pitch league. Players found using metal spikes will be ejected for the remainder of the game.
28. The official ASA slow-pitch rules will be used in all cases not covered by the bylaws or the general rules and regulations of the Recreation Department.
29. Either the Recreation Director or the Assistant Recreation Director has the right to cancel any games due to unfavorable weather conditions. You may play in rain but if there is lightning, play will be stopped for 15 minutes or until a storm passes. Do not leave the park until the game has been officially cancelled.
30. Any games rained out after they have started and have not completed the 4th inning will be restarted from the first inning. Four completed innings will be a game.
31. If the game is tied at the end of the time limit or 7 innings the last person out will start at 2nd base. Each batter will be given one pitch. If it is a ball, the batter draws a walk. If it is a strike it is an out or they can chose to hit the ball. Each batter will not receive a grace foul ball.
32. A sponsor trophy will be awarded to the League Champion and Runner-up.

ASA Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks

Combat	VIRSP3 Lady Virus	Easton	SCX2 Synergy	Easton	SCX22 Synergy 2
Louisville Slugger	FPC305 Catalyst (-8)	Louisville Slugger	SB304	Louisville Slugger	SB34 Genesis
Louisville Slugger	SB404	Miken	MSF Freak	Miken	Ultra
Miken	Ultra II	Miken	Ultra Maxload	Nokona	Tomahawk
Schutt	Red/Silver Schutt Bat	Worth	EST9	Worth	QUESTFP
Worth	SBWK(Wicked)	Worth	SBWKA	Worth	WWSC Wicked Comp. (SP Only)
Worth	WWSCA	Worth	XEST9X	Worth	XGold
Worth	XPST4	Worth	XRed	Worth	XWICKX Wicked (SP Only)