



**PROSPECT PARK BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
KEY REGULAR SEASON RULES
(Not Tournament Rules)**

SOFTBALL

REGULAR SEASON	MUSTANGS	BRONCOS	COLTS	HIGH SCHOOL
<i>Length of Game / Last Inning Start Time</i>	6 innings or no new inning after 1 hr 50 mins from start time; if inning began before 1:50 game must still end exactly 2 hrs from start time	7 innings or no new inning after 1 hr 50 mins from start time; if inning began before 1:50 game must still end exactly 2 hrs from start time		
<i>Mercy Rule</i>	5 Runs for 1st 3 Innings, Unlimited Each Inning Thereafter subject to 12 run lead after 4 innings			12 Runs after 5 inns
<i>Defensive Players (Total allowed)</i>	10 - 4 in outfield			9
<i>Balls if Bases Loaded</i>	5	4	4	4
<i>Stealing</i>	No	When catcher has possession of ball	Leading on release of pitch; stealing allowed	
<i>Steal Home</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Balk Rule Applies</i>	No	No	No	No
<i>Infield Fly Rules Applies</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Play Ends: When Pitcher controls ball in 8' Circle:</i>	Runner more than half way get next base	Runner must immediately go to next base or return to prior base.		
<i>Pitching Limits</i>	3 Innings	4 Innings		
<i>Remove Pitcher as Pitcher after hitting batters</i>	2 in same inning, 3 in game			No Limit
<i>Pitching Motion</i>	Motion begins with both feet in contact with 24" pitching plate. For Colts only, no backwards step is allowed; motion is a pivot and a stride; Having pushed off from the rubber, the rear pivot foot must stay in contact with the ground; delivery must be one continuous, smooth motion and only one revolution of the throwing arm. Violation of Colts no backwards step rule shall be one team warning, thereafter a ball is awarded the batter & 1 base to all runners.			
<i>Bat</i>	Softball Bat so marked on the bat only (no baseball bats); max 2.25" barrel, 34" long, 38 oz			
<i>Batting Order</i>	Universal			9 + optional Extra Player
<i>Base Distance</i>	50'	60'		
<i>Pitching Distance</i>	28'	35'	40'	43'
<i>Must Use Courtesy 1st Base</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Balls Permitted</i>	11" Rif 10, Optic Yellow Red Stitch, Leather Cover	12" any brand optic yellow, leather cover, red stitch max .47 core, max 375lbs compression		
<i>Games Played on Grass</i>	No Stealing and No Dropped 3rd Strikes; No spectators or players within 60' of home plate			
<i>Dropped 3rd Strike</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Sliding</i>	Not head first (except back to a previously acquired base); slide or avoid contact unless arrive same time at base			
<i>Run for Catcher if 2 outs</i>	Required, to be replaced by last batter to make out at bat or on base			
<i>Safety Rules</i>	Defibrillators are required at all practices and games on Parks Dept fields.			
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