

Official Guide and Playing Rules for 2022

The following rules replace and/or supersede any rules printed prior to the date below for the

HUFF-N-PUFFERS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE.

All competition will be conducted in accordance with rules set forth in this official guide and in the new edition USA (formerly named ASA) Softball Playing Rules.

Any suggestions, proposed changes, or revisions to our Rules must be submitted in writing during regular meetings or at a Governing Board meeting.

RULE 1 RUNNERS AND NON-RUNNERS

1.1

No runners from home plate. Non-runner batters will be called out if the ball does not leave the infield. Umpire will call it a dead ball and any runners on base will not advance.

1.2

Pinch runners may run once per inning.

1.3

Pinch runners should be appointed by the Manager before the first legal pitch has been thrown to the next batter. If a player steps on base he can be replaced by the Manager's runner of choice without penalty at any base he safely reached.

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RULE 2 FIELDERS

2.1

Managers and Umpires will insure that outfielders will stay in place and not move in for non-runners. There are to be NO short-fielders for non-running batters. When there is a non-running batter, Umpires are to move outfielders to standard depths.

RULE 3 BATTERS

3.1

Batter must declare to the Umpire whether he is a runner or non-runner. A non-runner will remain a non-runner for the whole game.

RULE 4 HOME RUNS AND BALLS HITTING THE GREEN

4.1

Three (3) home runs (over the fence) per game, per team. Any home runs over three (3) will be counted as singles.

4.2

Balls hitting the green will be a hit unless fly balls are caught. If a base runner is on 1st & 2nd or 1st, 2nd, & 3rd – they get the next base.

4.3

Runners may advance at their own risk after the next base is taken.

4.4

Anyone hitting the ball over the fence in fair territory is awarded a home run, and the batter need NOT run the bases.

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4.5

The batter cannot be forced out at 1st base by an outfielder or a short outfielder. Any player lining up, at the time of the pitch, in the outfield grass shall be considered an outfielder. Reason: if a non-runner hits it to the green it is a hit. He should not be penalized for being a slow runner by being thrown out at 1st base by an outfielder. Force outs at 2nd, 3rd, or home are still permitted.

RULE 5 PLAYOFFS

5.1

Division III will play a full season and will have the top four teams play a double elimination tournament. Team 1 plays Team 4 and Team 2 plays Team 3. Two (2) losses to be out of the playoffs.

RULE 6 INFIELD FLY R**U**LE

6.1

Treat it like the non-runner infield ground out. Caught or not, the batter is the only player called out. All base runners return to their previous base. No double plays.

RULE 7 DESIGNATED H**I**TT**E**R

7.1

Each team has the option for two (2) Designated Hitters. This is instituted so DIII players can continue to play; some players can no longer play on defense but can still hit.

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