

# Rules Addendum

## Manhasset Men's Softball League

**Game Dates and Rain-Outs:** All dates are Sunday 7-inning Doubleheaders except the Playoff/Championship Series Schedule which are 6 innings, best 2 out of 3 game encounters. Games that are "Rained Out" during the regular season will not be re-scheduled. Games that are "Rained Out" during the Playoff/Championship Schedule will be re-scheduled for the following Sunday **thereby extending the season accordingly.**

**Start Times and Forfeits:** Starting time for first game is 9:15 AM. Any team failing to field a 9 man team by 9:30 AM will be give a 10 minute grace period after which time will result in a forfeit. A forfeit of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the doubleheader will result if any team fails to field a 9-man team within 15 minutes of the first game being declared a forfeit.

**Bases:** The club scheduled to be the home team in the first game must bring a full set of bases to the field. The visiting club must also bring its bases as a back-up, but can leave them in the car. All fields used by the league have permanent home plates.

**Home Team:** The club listed in the "home" column is the home team for game 1. Switch for game 2. If a club forfeits the first game, it is the visitor for game 2. In the Playoffs, the club with the lowest seed as determined at the beginning of the playoffs is the home team for the first and third games of the series.

**Weather:** We play in precipitation if field conditions allow. Stay home only if advised by the manager or in the event of active constant heavy rain occurring for hours before game time. For games scheduled on school fields, Managers will be contacted if play is cancelled and they will contact their players.

**County/Town Fields:** Note that games scheduled at Eisenhower Park, Christopher Morley Park, Denton Avenue or Manorhaven Park are on fields run by the County or Town. The government entity determines whether the field will be closed for weather. A phone line to the entity will be available, and the manager should call the phone line to determine whether a game is cancelled.

**Injury Prevention:** Try to arrive at the field by 9 AM to warm up and avoid possible injury. Players play at their own risk.

**Munsey Park East field rules:** A ball hit over or onto the surface of the basketball courts in left field, or the macadam path leading to the school, is a grounds rule double. A ball hit into the tree on the first-base line that goes through without being deflected is played as though the tree was not there. A ball hit into the tree deflected over foul territory is a dead ball and a foul ball. A ball deflected over fair territory is a dead ball, and counts as no pitch.

**Munsey Park West field rules:** A ball hit into the trees in left-center field is live and played off the trees as though off the outfield wall. If a ball goes onto the cement stairs, it is a grounds rule double. A fair ball hit over the left-field fence on a fly is a grounds rule double unless it flies over the gate above the cement walkway or the fence east of that point, in which case it is a home run.