

NASSAU COUNTY PBA LEAGUE

SOFTBALL RULES

2017

1. Starting the 2011 Nassau County PBA Softball League Season, all Non-Nassau County teams will submit a team roster with no more than 18 Players. Each Player on the roster will need a photocopied "Law Enforcement" ID Card. ID Card information will only be used by the Board of Commissioners in cases of player eligibility. This is to ensure that all outside agencies are **Law Enforcement** and are from the Dept.'s or Precincts they represent. Any violation of this rule will subject the violating team to forfeiture of the rest of the season and possible ban in future seasons. A simple majority vote by the league managers will determine a league ban. Any manager in this league can ask any player in this league for proof of employment, so ID cards should be available upon request. No ID Card..... No Play. That simple. Any successful challenge will be upheld by the League.
2. Any player transferred prior to the 1st game of the current year, must play with the new command, providing that new command has a team. If not, the player can go back to the team from which they came. If a player is transferred after the start of the season, the player will play out the rest of the season on the team they started.
3. Any player assigned to a HQ's command may play for BSO (**if BSO has a team**) or their last Precinct team as long as they have never played for BSO previously. The same would go for those players assigned to Detective Division. Rockville Centre PD can use players from other Nassau County Village Dept.'s. Nassau County Police supervisors will only play with the Supervisors Team unless promoted to supervisor during the current season.
4. All team managers will make every effort to uniform their players.
5. All regular season games will consist of 2 seven inning games. For a game to be considered legal, 4 ½ innings must be **completed** with the home team batting a minimum of 5 times **if they are losing**.

6. All games to be played at Eisenhower Park will commence at 1600hrs. Forfeit times will be 1615hrs (game 1) and 1630hrs (game 2). This league allows teams to start with 8 players, but they must add a ninth player by the end of the third inning, or it becomes a forfeit.
7. All games will incorporate a 1-1 count at the start of an at-bat.
8. PROTESTS: All protests will be sent to the league commissioner within 1 week of the protested game. The protest must be in writing and your scorebook must be signed by the umpire. **REMEMBER:** You can only protest a game because of a misinterpretation of our playing rules, not over an umpire judgment call. The Protest Committee will be the League Officials (Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners). In the case of a conflict of interest, alternates will replace the parties involved. These alternates will be picked at the Manager's Meeting. For the 2017 Season the Alternates Committee members will be EJ Unverzagt (Det) and Jarred Barretti (4th Pct)
9. RESCHEDULES: Managers needing to change a scheduled game, shall inform the opposing manager by 5pm on the Friday prior to the Monday game day. Any notification after this time will be 2 forfeits (exceptions being police emergencies). The team needing a schedule change will be at the mercy of the opposing team's schedule. If the team is unable to make the make-up day they will forfeit those games. It is the Manager's responsibility to CALL ANY Commissioner when cancelling/rescheduling a scheduled game so the umpires can be cancelled. All games will be rescheduled by the last scheduled regular season date. NO EXCEPTIONS. THE PLAYOFFS WILL START AS SCHEDULED or ONE WEEK EARLIER, based on the amount of rainouts used during the season. The League Commissioner reserves the right to cancel any part of the season to ensure the completion of the playoffs (ex. Excessive rainouts).
10. All Softballs (Dudley Red Stitched, SB12, restricted flight, .44 core center) will be the responsibility of the teams. Make sure to have enough supply to cover both the regular season **and** playoffs. The League will supply the teams with the above approved softballs at team's expense.
11. The Nassau County PBA Softball League abides by the ASA banned bat list. This also includes the composite bat rules. IT IS WHAT IT IS. Player safety is our primary concern. Violator will be ejected for the day. Second offense by a team, the team manager will be ejected for the day as well.

12. The Nassau County PBA Softball League rules supersede/are addition to, all other ASA rules. If we do not have a rule that applies to a certain situation, the ASA rule applies.
13. Each week at the end of the scheduled games all teams or a team representative will report to the Covered Pavilion near Fields 1 and 2 to give the results of the games and to receive any updates from the League Commissioners. The Commissioners are not responsible for information not received due to the non-compliance of this rule.
14. **RAINOUTS:** Managers or a team designee will call the Eisenhower Park field house at 516-572-0348/0351 in the case of inclement weather or field conditions after 1300hrs. When in doubt, instruct players to respond to the scheduled fields.
15. When playing on fenced fields (ex. Field D, 1 or 2), the League applies a "5 Home Run rule", where after the 5th home run the next ball batted over the fence will be recorded as an out. **At Field "D" the net in left field is in play. HR's are over the net not in the net.**
16. The re-entry and extra hitter rules are in effect. If a manager wants to bat 12 then the opposing manager must agree to it.
17. The League will incorporate the "DH Rule". The DH will have to be declared prior to the start of the game and is tied to that player in the field he is hitting for. If the player in the field leaves the game the DH can play the field for that player and will no longer be a "DH".
18. All games that end in a tie will be replayed unless if it has no effect on the playoff format.
19. RUN RULE: 15 runs after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings. Losing teams must bat in the 4th or 5th innings. Sudden death after 5 innings.
20. As guests of the parks we play at, the Commissioners hold the managers responsible for the behavior of their players. Please discard all cans and bottles in the proper receptacles. The League Officials have the authority to suspend or ban any players or managers that tarnish the good name of the Nassau County PBA Softball League. Of course, the ASA Umpires also have the same authority to issue suspensions.
21. Any player removed from a game by an umpire due to excessive arguing or rude disrespecting behavior is out the remainder of that game and it is the umpire's discretion if that player can return for the second game. A case by case review with the player, player's manager and the Board of Commissioners will determine if any suspension will be warranted.

22. If an umpire does not show and both managers agree to play, the game(s) will be considered LEGAL. In this case a call to the Umpire Assigner at 516-826-1155 should be made to have another umpire respond.
23. All team managers will supply the Board of Commissioners with a team assistant and the assistants contact information.
24. All Playoff games must be completed with seven innings of play, unless a team is ahead 15 runs after 5 innings. Losing teams must bat in the 5th inning. Any suspended games will re-start at the point that the game was suspended. Playoff format will be discussed at the Managers Meeting.
25. Starting the 2012 season, ASA- Rule 6, Section 3 Sub-H states; “The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least six (6) feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of ten (10) feet from the ground.” The NCPBA League **WILL** use height restrictions of **6ft** min to **12ft** maximum height from the ground.
26. Starting the 2015 Season, each team will elect one (1) player to play in the “Battle of the Badges”, Annual Charity Softball Game held VS the Nassau County Sheriff’s – Correction Officer’s Benevolent Association held at a time and place determined. With those players, the Managers will pick from the league, the remaining players to fill the roster and positions for a total of sixteen (16) players to represent the Nassau PD team. This game will replace the League All-Star game and will benefit the Nassau County PBA Widow and Orphans Fund.

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