



Rules and Regulations – Division 2/3 Baseball & Softball

I. Team Roster

- a. All players must be registered through our online, Team Sideline registration system, in order to participate in the program.
- b. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of twelve players. Additional players must be approved by the Recreation Coordinator. South Suburban reserves the right to add players to the rosters to reach the minimum of 10.

II. Eligibility Rules

- a. Registrations are processed to the grade they will enter in the Fall.
- b. Players may play up a division - they are not allowed to play down.

III. Playing Time

- a. Games will 50 minutes long; which includes warm up time.
- b. Except for the need to finish the inning, no play will occur after the 50 minutes of play has elapsed from the beginning of the game. The coaches should hustle their players in and out of the dugout between innings to move the game along.
- c. All individuals are required to receive an equal amount of playing time per session.
- d. A coach is not required to play a player an equal amount of playing time for the following reasons:
 1. Player is sick, injured, or coming off an injury.
 2. Parents' request.
 3. Player misbehavior.

IV. Practices

- a. Teams will practice on the ball fields of their designated park, at the time arranged with the program coordinator.
- b. Teams will practice 60 minutes, 1 time per week (Mon or Tues).

V. Uniforms

- a. Each participant will be given a team shirt and major league baseball cap.

VI. Game Locations

- a. Games will be played between 5:30 – 8:30 pm on scheduled days, and may be held at the following fields:
 1. Cherry Knolls Park (CKP), Willow Creek Park (WCP), or deKoevend Park (DEK)

VII. Rainout Line

- a. 303-219-1150 or www.rainoutline.com, option 3 (search SSPRD) or use app.
- b. In case of inclement weather, or crisis situations, no decision will be made on the status of the games until 4:00pm. There will be days when a decision may not be made until start time due to late breaking situations.

VIII. Rules

- a. Baseball Size
 1. Div. 2/3 boys baseball - soft touch 9” baseballs
 2. Div. 2/3 slow pitch softball – soft touch 11” softballs
- b. All Division 2/3 games will play on grass fields with either permanent or temporary backstops.
- c. Score will NOT be kept.
- d. Metal cleats are NOT allowed.

IX. No umpires will be provided

- a. Coaches and/or parents will be asked to umpire games. Umpires will coach batters and pitchers based on habits they consistently see and can correct. They will also explain calls that players seem to not understand.
- b. Base distances will be 50’.
- c. Half inning is one time thru the order. (13 players max)

X. Batting/Pitching

- a. Batting order consists of all players on the roster. A late player should be put to the end of the batting order.
- b. Runners put out during play should return to dugout.
- c. Runners may not advance on an overthrow.
- d. Players may not steal home on a dropped ball.
- e. Batter has up to 6 pitches from coach to put the ball in play. Batter should receive pitches from the coach of his/hers own team.

XI. Defense

- a. Up to 10 participants may take the field. No more than 6 players are allowed in the infield – this includes the pitcher and the catcher.
- b. Coaches with teams greater than 10 players should sub out positions during the game.
- c. Coaches are allowed on the field.
- d. Position of catcher is optional. Player is to provide their own catchers equipment if they choose to play this position. Teams must supply a coach or parent to help with passed balls if they are not using a player in the catcher's position.

Elastic Power:

The South Suburban Athletics staff reserves the right to establish guidelines for any and all rules or infractions not covered in the league rules and to refuse participation to any individual or coach if they do not obey the rules and regulations and keep within the spirit of sportsmanship.

Comments on the Rules:

These rules are intended to create a balance of play; to create an atmosphere of sportsmanship and fair play; and to emphasize cleverness and skill without limiting freedom of individuals or team play. It is important to know the intent and purpose of a rule so that it may be intelligently applied in each play situation. A player or team should not be permitted an advantage which is not intended by a rule. Play will not be permitted to develop which may lead to placing a player at a disadvantage not intended by a rule.

Alcohol, smoking, and chewing tobacco products in all parks are prohibited.

Division Matrix					
	T-Ball	Modified T-Ball	Baseball & Softball	Baseball & Softball	Baseball & Softball
Upcoming Fall Grade	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grades 2/3	Grades 4/5	Grades 6/7/8
Co-Rec	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Ball	Soft touch 9"BB	Soft touch 9" BB	Soft touch 9" BB, 11" SB	9" BB, 11 " SB	9" BB, 11" SB
Pitcher	Tee	Tee to Coach	Coach	Coach to player	Player
# of Pitches	6 tee	4 coach, 2 tee (or 6 tee)	6 pitches	Coach pitch if player reaches 4 ball count	Standard AB
Batter makes an out or doesn't get a hit	Stay/Place on base	Stay/Place on base	Back to dugout	Back to dugout	Back to dugout
Play stops when ball in control	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Leadoffs	No	No	No	No	No
Stealing	No	No	No	No	Yes BB, no SB
Runners advance on overthrow	No	No	No	Yes (1 base)	Yes (1 base)
Catcher's gear	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coaches allowed on field during play	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Half inning consists of	Once through order	Once through order	Once through order	3 outs or 7 runs	3 outs or 7 runs
Playing time	60 minutes	60 minute	60 minutes	75 minutes	90 minutes
Playing field	Grass	Grass	Grass	Dirt	Dirt
Base distance	50'	50'	50'	70' BB, 60 SB	70' BB, 60' SB
Score kept	No	No	No	Yes	Yes