

FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION
“BOB WIKMAN” OVER 35 MEN’S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS 2026

1. All rules and regulations shall be in accordance with those set forth in the U.S.A. official guide with the exceptions as described below.
2. Each adult softball team is allowed 3 non-residents on its roster. The following are to be considered NON-RESIDENTS:
 - Grandfathered players
 - Non-resident Tax Payers
 - Non-Resident Sole Proprietors of a Fairfield BusinessFull Time Town of Fairfield Employees, no matter what Town they reside, will be considered Fairfield Residents.
 - a. If a team had 3 or more grandfathered players on their roster in 2005, they ALL may continue to play on that team.
However, if a grandfathered player moves to another team he or she will not be allowed to return to that team or move to any team unless it has less than 3 non-residents on its roster.
 - b. Non-residents will only be allowed to play on one team and only in one league. Residents and full time Town Employees may play in one league per night.
 - c. Non-residents will be charged to play: The fee will be \$75.00 for the Women’s League.
All other leagues will pay \$100.00 per person, payable to Fairfield Parks and Recreation Dept. at time of registration.
 - d. All players MUST register at the Parks & Recreation office and either prove residency or pay the non-resident fee prior to the season starting.
 - e. Team rosters will be limited to 25.
3. Players must have been born before January 1, 1992 to be eligible to play.
4. All players MUST register before the first schedule game (week of April 21st) No changes or additions will be made to rosters after the first game (1 week grace period).
5. League Fee of \$1,360.00 must be paid one week before the first scheduled game (April 21st). If not paid by April 29th , a \$100 late fee will be added.
6. Home team will keep official score, to be approved by umpire after each inning by checking with both teams. Winning team is to phone in results of game to the League Director to keep standings current.
7. There shall be no public display of umpire disapproval. Umpire discontent can be settled at a manager’s meeting and grievance committee.
8. Games will start at 6:30 PM on unlighted fields (6:30 PM starting May 19th). Haydon remains 6:15 PM.
9. A forfeit will be called by the umpire 15 minutes after scheduled starting time. A second forfeit will automatically drop a team from the league playoffs. If a team drops out, games will still be played and count in the league standings. A game cannot be postponed later than 24 hours prior to its starting time unless by mutual consent of both managers
10. Both teams are allowed 5 minutes infield practice (if time allows).
11. Umpires will be paid from the entry fees for the following:
 - A. One umpire will be provided per game
 - B. Umpire forfeit fee: Hold back first game fee.
 - C. In case of team forfeit, umpire will receive full fee.

12. Protests must be made to the League Director or the Recreation Office in writing with \$25.00 within 24 hours after the game in question. Team must notify umpire that game is being played under protest. Protest will be taken up by a neutral board within 7 days. Protest fee will be returned if protest is upheld. The use of an illegal player constitutes an automatic forfeit as is playing under an assumed name. If a person illegally participated during the previous season, he is not automatically eligible to continue play. Player caught under an assumed name will face a one year suspension.

13. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. Any team personnel found using same will be expelled from game with possible forfeiture.

14. OFFICIAL GAME BALL: Dudley Thunder (Leather Coated) .52 core .300 Compression Red Stitched (12 inch)

15. Postponed Games: Postponed games will be announced on the Park and Recreation Departments CANCELLATION HOT LINE - 256-3144 after 3:00 PM. If not canceled, go to field. Managers shall decide the fitness of the field. If managers can not agree, umpire will be the deciding factor. Umpire is sole judge for having and later continuing game on grounds of weather conditions. All games called due to rain will be suspended and continued from the point of stoppage of play.

16. Ground rules must be adhered to by all umpires as well as teams.

17. Physical abuse or extreme violence of umpires will not be tolerated. This will constitute a year's suspension or more if necessary. This will be in effect with all U.S.A. organization officials.

18. EP (extra player) & re-entry rules in effect in accordance with U.S.A. Guide. Teams may use an unlimited batting order if desired.

18.a. A 10th player may enter the game at any time but must bat 10th in the order.

19. Home team must provide bases. (Double first base)

20. The 15 run rule will be in effect in all Recreation Leagues. If home team is leading by 15 after 4 ½ innings the game will be over. If visiting team is leading by 15 or more runs, the game must go at least 5 innings.

21. Courtesy runners: Each team will be allowed two courtesy runners. (extreme cases only) These runners must be declared to the umpire before the game starts. Batter who asks for a courtesy runner will only be allowed 1st base and must run through the orange base and cannot make any movement toward second base or will be declared out. He may only advance on an overthrow which goes out of play, or a homerun that is automatic or clears the fence. During the regular season runners may be replaced by the last out of the previous inning. If a player is injured during the game, a bench player who is not in the game must replace injured runner. If no bench players are available, the defensive team will pick the courtesy runner.

22. Lost balls in foul territory or home runs, must be replaced with a new or good used ball by the team that hit the ball. (Umpire's Discretion)

23. A player ejected will automatically be suspended from the next game including playoffs. Any player ejected from 2 games during the season will face 3 game suspension. A 3rd ejection will result in a two year suspension.

24. PLAYOFFS: the top 4 teams (overall records) will enter the "A" double elimination. The final 6 teams will play a single (then double) elimination tournament for the "B" Championship. Teams finishing highest in standings will have choice of home team and fields if available. Championship series will be held at Tom Haydon Field.

25. Tie Breakers: all ties will be broken by virtue of head to head competition during regular season. If two or more teams are tied, seeding will be determined on the basis of best record in head to head amongst the teams involved in

the tie. Then the team with the highest winning percentage against higher seeded teams will prevail. Final tie breaker will be run differential.

26. Three Home Run Rule: At Dwight and Veterans teams are allowed 3 automatic home runs hit into or over the pavement. At Haydon Field, each team will be allowed 3 home runs over the fence. Anything hit out after 3 will result in an automatic out.

27. METAL CLEATS, DOUBLE WALL, TRIPLE WALL, COMPOSITES, TITANIUM, MIKEN ULTRA and ULTRA II and ALL HIGH PERFORMANCE AND GRAPHITE BATS ARE NOT ALLOWED. PENALTY: AN AUTOMATIC OUT AND EJECTION.(CHECK BAT LIST)

28. A questionable bat should be brought to the attention of the umpire. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the bat has been "doctored" in anyway, the bat will be removed for the remainder of the game. A second offense by the same team will result in an automatic forfeit and the bat will be confiscated by league officials for the remainder of the season.

29. Any coach or player caught doctoring a ball or bat will be ejected immediately and suspended for the next game.

30. Bases will now be at 70 ft

31. 1-1 count at Haydon and all other fields during regular season games and playoffs.

32. Team managers may declare to umpire players that are injured and ineligible to play that night and not be chosen to be courtesy runners. They will not be eligible to play that night.

33. "Sub" list players should only be called when a team has only 9 players for that night's game. "Subs" are ineligible for playoff games unless an emergency takes place.

34. Winning team text final scores to League Director after the game.

35. Mat will now be placed behind home plate to determine ball & strikes