

# Virginia Beach Field House

## Indoor Softball Rules

### Team Roster and Eligibility:

- Maximum roster size is 15
- All players must be over the age of 18
- Only rostered players will be eligible to play
- Players may not be rostered on two teams in the same division but may sub for a team.
- Roster will be locked after Week 3

### Season:

- Season length varies from each season
- One game each week
- Playoffs for qualifying teams depending on the division, league and number of teams
- Playoffs are single elimination

### Game Rules:

- **Game Play**
  - Games are 55 minutes or 7 innings whichever occurs first
- **Time Limit**
  - 55 minutes
  - A new inning may not begin with less than 5 minutes left
- **Players on the field**
  - Each team may have a maximum of 8 players on the field
  - For Coed games the maximum number of men in the field at any one time is 6
  - Minimum number of players required for a legal game is 7 with at least two women for coed games
  - At the beginning of the game if one team has less than the minimum number of players, they are automatically the visiting team and must bat first. If less than 7 players are present by the end of that team's turn at bat, then that team will forfeit the game. If a team has only 7 players a ghost out will be recorded every time the 8<sup>th</sup> spot in order comes to bat
- **Non-defensive Catchers**
  - In cases where one team has 7 players present the opposing team will supply a non-defensive catcher for the duration of the game or until an 8<sup>th</sup> player arrives.
- **Batting order**

- There must be at least 3 females in the batting order. No maximum number of batters in order but a team may not bat more than 3 males in a row, until a woman has batted.
- **Walk to a male batter with a female batting next**
  - When a male batter is walked and a female's spot follows in the batting order, the male batter automatically advances to 2<sup>nd</sup> base and the female has the option to walk or hit no matter the number of outs
- **Fouling out**
  - All batters start with a 1-1 count
  - A batter is considered out if he/she fouls off two ball after his or her second strike
- **Courtesy runners and injury**
  - A batter may ask for courtesy runner BEFORE his or her time at bat and the umpire will announce it to the opposing team. The batter may not advance beyond first base on a batted ball except when automatic advancement would be awarded for a ball out of play (i.e; overthrow, automatic double or HR) or for a base on balls when batting before a female. Once a courtesy runner has been asked for it is automatic for the rest of the game.
- **Eligible bats**
  - Players may use any bat regardless of association
- **Game Balls and bases**
  - The Field House will only use 12" Easton Incredibles for game play
    - No bunting, stealing, leadoff off base, take out slides or blocking a base
- **Homeruns**
  - Homeruns are decided by a batter hitting the back net in the air without touching any part of the net or glass. There will be two red tapes that indicate the homerun boundary
- **Misc. Rules**
  - Any batted ball that hits the net before crossing the first red line will be considered a foul ball
  - Any batted ball the does not cross the red line and does not hit the net is playable
  - Any batted ball that is fair and goes into the player boxes is awarded a single and runners may advance one base.