

BRUNSWICK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2019 BRUNSWICK WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Rules

2019 ASA rules are in effect and will be enforced with certain additions and/or modifications listed below.

TEAM ENTRY FEE:

A \$300.00 deposit to hold a spot for your team is due by May 16, 2019. The remaining entry fee is due on May 16th, 2019. Entry fees are **non-refundable**. Total number of games will be 12 for each team. Final entry fee will be \$550 plus user fees. The league will have a regular season schedule only.

USER'S FEES:

Each player on the roster must pay a user fee. Fees for the 2019 season are \$18.00 for Brunswick residents, \$24.00 for non-residents. User's fees must be paid in full and given to the Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department **all at once**. Coaches should collect the money from teammates and submit it by May 16th.

SEASON STARTING DATE: Tentative starting date will be May 28th, 2019.

OFFICIATING: All games will be done by ASA Umpires. "NO GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL UMPIRE". If an umpire does not show for a scheduled game that game will be re-scheduled.

GAMES:

All games will be played at Edwards Field, off Jordan Avenue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 or 6:30 p.m.

ROSTERS:

Minimum of 10 players must appear on final rosters. Players must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible to play. Final rosters are due by May 16th, 2019. **FULL ADDRESS INCLUDING STREET AND TOWN OF EACH PLAYER MUST APPEAR ON ROSTER.** Players must not be affiliated with any college team on or after the starting of the league's season. Players must play for only one team.

UNIFORMS: Team players will wear identical, numbered shirts.

POSTPONEMENTS:

No scheduled game will be postponed unless conditions are such on the day of the game that the fields are unplayable. The Recreation Department will make all postponements. A decision on postponement will be made by approximately 3pm the day of the game. The Recreation Department will notify the team captain and a notice will be placed on the web site as well as posted on Facebook.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

Any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible in her/his team's next game. Any player or coach ejected twice in the season will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

GAME TIME:

Game time is listed on the printed the schedule. A 15-minute grace period will be granted to any team unable to produce nine players by the designated scheduled **starting** time. Forfeits will not be made up or rescheduled.

League Rules:

1. A team will be allowed to play with 9 players if necessary. If a team starts with 9 players and a tenth arrives, that player is allowed to be added to the lineup and will be allowed to bat only at the end of the line-up.
2. Additional Hitters will be allowed to bat as long as they are added to the lineup as an additional hitter. Additional hitters do not have to play the field.
3. Teams unable to start any game due to lack of players will forfeit the game. Each team must have at least nine (9) players to start a game. If a team is short players that team: 1. Will be allowed to borrow players from the opposing team. 2. Can take a player from the stands as long as that player is a member of the league instead of taking forfeiture. 3. Can notify the President that they will be short that game and the president will call one of the people from the player pool. A team must have 9 players to start a game. A team can only borrow to have 10 players. Pool players must play the position of the missing player.

4. If a team starts with ten players and a player is injured in a game to the extent that she must be taken out of the game, the team can finish with no fewer than nine players. If the team does not have a substitute that team will not be charged with an automatic out each time the injured player comes up to bat. The team is already being penalized by only having 9 players left. The injured player will not be allowed to re-enter the game at a later time.
5. If a team starts with ten or eleven players and a player is ejected from the game, the team must forfeit if it does not have a substitute. The team WILL NOT be allowed to finish the game without a substitute.
6. Only ASA approved balls will be used: 11 inch, core .300 yellow with red stitch (52-300). Each team will be issued new game balls at the beginning of the season to be used only for league games. One new ball and one good ball must be given to the Umpire prior to the start of the game. Home Teams provide the game balls.
7. Each team will be responsible for keeping a scorebook at each game and for keeping complete records for its own team. The home team will be the official score keeper. Score books and rule books will be provided to each team at the beginning of the season.
8. The winning team will be responsible for calling or emailing the game score to the Recreation Department 725-6656, Email: acropley@brunswickme.org
9. The 15 run rule will be in effect starting the 5th inning or the 20 run rule at the bottom of the 4th inning.
10. "NO ALCOHOLIC" beverages will be allowed on the field or the parking lot for the Edwards fields. This is not only a league rule but also a Town ordinance. Any player or coach drinking on the premises or coming to a game intoxicated will be ejected from that game and will be ineligible to play in her/his next game. If this happens a second time in the season, the player/coach will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.
11. No foul language will be tolerated. The umpire will give that player a warning after the first warning and if it happens again that player will be expelled from the game.
12. There is no 1 and 1 count.
13. Metal spikes are not allowed.
14. Substitute (Pinch) runners are only allowed by ASA Official Rules, with the exception of: Any player that has a running/Hitting "disability" or injury may ask for an amendment by the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department will make a fair decision. Documentation must be provided. The substitute (Pinch) runner must be a substitute player from the same team. Only if that is not possible then another player from the same team will be allowed. All coaches and umpires will be notified at the beginning of the season (or when necessary) of players that have an amendment to the ASA pinch runner rule. This rule also applies to pinch hitters.
15. Stealing bases is allowed only if both teams would like to steal. The umpire must be notified before the start of the game if there is stealing or not for that game.

The Brunswick Women's Softball League follows ASA Official Rules, with the exception of Brunswick Women's Softball League Rules.