

# 2010 HENRICO USSSA WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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## LEAGUE OFFICIALS

League Commissioner: Rich Carlyle 804-731-3854

League Board Members:

Leroy Ross-No Drama/TAC

Melinda Williams-Lady Stingers

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## LEAGUE INFORMATION

### I. LEAGUE RULES

1. The league will use USSSA rules with Henrico County rules and USSSA umpires.
2. 50-minute time limit; 10-minute grace period for 6:30 pm game only. Teams tied after time limit has been reached or 7 innings, whichever comes first, will play one extra inning to break the tie. If the teams are tied after the extra inning has been played, the game will be declared a tie. Teams may play with 9 players and take the 10th position as an out. A 10th person may be added to the end of the line up after the game begins 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings.
3. All regular-season games are doubleheaders. The league playoff games will be double-elimination format. The 50-minute time limit regular season rule will apply to all playoff and championship games. The 10-run mercy run rule after 5 innings will be in effect for all playoff games (championship game included).
4. All players MUST be at least 18 years of age.
5. Teams may have a maximum of 20 players on the team roster.
6. Teams are responsible for keeping scores and clear and legible information (scores, batting orders, etc.) in the scorebook supplied to you. Winning teams must sign off with the umpire the winning scores following each game. Results must be sent to the League Commissioner on Wednesday to post results. Teams are responsible for checking the standings and updating rosters.
7. 3 balls, 2 strike rule will be in effect.
8. In any division the 2-additional-hitter rule may be used. In other words, 12 players can be in the batting order, but only 10 from that batting order in a game can play defense. There will be a 2-time re-entry rule per game; the player must come back in line-up in the same batting order. In other words –you can put in a substitute for any starter, and then the starter player can re-enter and the substitution is no longer available. Then you can put in another substitute for the starter and the starter can re-enter the game again (second re-entry) and the substitute is no longer available. If you put in a 3rd substitute, then the starter is no longer available to play. The intent is to allow more players to play but still allow the team to put starters back in fir the game gets close.
9. Alcohol is not permitted in any Henrico County Parks. Fines for violations will be enforced.

### II. EQUIPMENT

1. No steel cleats!

2. Only 11-inch Classic W, USSSA approved, 400-compression, 44-core softballs may be used.
3. One dozen USSSA approved game balls will be supplied by the league prior to the opening night of the league. Each team is responsible for having playable backup softballs available.
4. Only USSSA approved bats may be used as determined by the umpires. All teams will receive an approved bat list. Please note that the list of USSSA approved bats is updated by the USSSA organization when necessary. The League Commissioner will have the most current list or check [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) for the latest list of legal bats.
5. The umpires and the League Commissioner will determine proper equipment.

### III. GENERAL

#### A. Rosters/Henrico's County Non-Residency Fee

1. There will be a \$15 non-resident fee for all players living outside of Henrico County. This must be paid before the non-resident players play. This fee must be paid by the team captain preferably in one payment to the parks and recreation administration office. Teams using non-resident players, who are on the roster as a county resident to that point will be forfeits and there is a possibility that the offending player will need to be removed from the league. No exceptions.
2. Teams may not add to the roster after the 2nd week of play without the League Commissioner's approval. Additions to the roster must be done on the League Commissioner's copy of the roster.
3. Teams playing with illegal players (players either not on a roster and or under the age of 18) will be awarded 1 loss and deducted 1 win for every game the illegal player played in, and the illegal player will not be permitted to play further games. To avoid forfeits, league games only, teams may pick up players, as long as it is a legal player in one of our leagues and the opposing team agrees and the opposing team does not want the victory by forfeits. It is ultimately up to the opposing team.
4. If a team knows that they will have to forfeit a game, they must notify the League Commissioner and the opposing team as soon as possible. The field will not be reassigned, so the field will be available for practice during the scheduled game time.

#### B. Inclement Weather

1. **In case of rain, call 501-5132 after 5:00 p.m.** for field conditions and cancellation information. **No decision will be made before 5:00 p.m.** If in doubt, report to the field. Umpire will make the final decision to play.
2. Rained-out games will be rescheduled as field space and time permit, including weekends if needed. Multiple rainouts may not be able to be rescheduled.
3. If rain occurs during the game:
  - 3a. 35 minutes played will count as a full game, regardless of inning; or
  - 3b. 3.5 innings completed and home team winning; or
  - 3c. 4 full innings completed and home team losing will count as a full game, regardless of the time played.
  - 3d. A rained out game that counts as a full game will revert back to last full completed inning played if the visiting team took the lead in that last at bat and the home team did not get a full at bat. Rain delays will not count as time played. Only the umpire and the League Commissioner and Board have the authority to stop play because of weather or other conditions.

#### C. Forfeits-Protests

1. When a forfeit occurs, the next game will be scheduled in 30 minutes increments. The third game will not begin before the scheduled time.
2. Protest of rules must be done prior to the game before any play takes place. (You may not protest a rule if another play has already taken place.) There are no protests of judgment calls (*i.e.*, balls and strikes; out/safe calls; fair/foul balls; etc.). To protest, you must tell the umpire you are protesting, make sure play has stopped and locate the League Commissioner, if present. The League Commissioner, coaches, and the umpire will convene. Games will not be delayed for more than 4 minutes from the time a protest is made. The decision of the League Commissioner or umpire is final.

**D. Tie Breakers**

In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place standings:

1. The first tie break will be head-to-head results; then,
2. Total runs scored for the head-to head games of teams involved in the tie break; then,
3. Total runs scored subtract minus runs allowed for the head-to-head games of teams involved in the tie break.

**E. Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

1. All players are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner. Use of profanity, arguing with the umpire, throwing bats, improper remarks to opposing teams are considered unsportsmanlike. Teams will be warned. If unsportsmanlike conduct continues, player(s) involved will be ejected from the game.
2. If a player or coach is ejected from the game, he/she is expected and must leave the park immediately. **If a player or coach is ejected from a game, the player or coach ejected, may be suspended from the next league night of play. If a player or coach is ejected from two games, the player or coach may be suspended from the league.**
3. The umpires should notify the League Commissioner of any ejections from the games.
4. Teams are responsible for their spectators. All spectators are expected to show sportsmanlike conduct at all times. If unruly, the umpire and the League Commissioner may ask spectators to leave the field. If they do not leave the area, the game will be stopped and the win will be awarded to the opposing team as determined by the umpire.

**The League Commissioner reserves the right to add and delete rules and regulations as needed.**