

BRUNSWICK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2022 BRUNSWICK WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Rules

2022 USA Softball rules are in effect and will be enforced with certain additions and/or modifications listed below.

TEAM ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is due on June 3rd, 2022. 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 no playoff games.

USER'S FEES:

Each player on the roster must pay a user fee. Fees for the 2022 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 June 3rd.

SEASON STARTING DATE: Tentative starting date will be June 7th, 2022.

OFFICIATING: All games will be done by USA Softball 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 or the SMCC field at the Brunswick Landing, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15. There will be a 15 minute grace period to 6:30 p.m. if a team is unable to start with 9 players.

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 June 3rd, 2022. 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:

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.

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. A team can have unlimited additional hitters in their lineup.

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 League representative that they will be short that game and the president will call one of

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the people from the player pool if there are enough players to create a 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.

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.

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.

Only USA Softball 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.

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 will be provided to each team at the beginning of the season. Rule books are available online at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/umpires/umpire-manual>

The winning team will be responsible for calling or emailing the game score to the Recreation Department 725-6656, Email: acropley@brunswickme.org

The run rule will be in effect starting with 20 runs after the 3rd inning, 15 runs after the 4th inning and 12 runs after the 5th inning.

"NO ALCOHOL" or TOBACCO 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.

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.

There is no 1 and 1 count.

Foul on third strike is an out

Metal spikes are not allowed.

Substitute (Pinch) runners are only allowed by USA Softball 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 USA Softball pinch runner rule. This rule also applies to pinch hitters.

When a pinch runner is needed for a player that has a condition determined by a doctor that the player should not be running can be pinched run. This need to be determine at the start of a game and the umpire must be told. If no substitute is available, the last person that made an out will be the pinch runner. If no out have occurred the last person in the lineup will be the pinch runner.

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 USA Softball Official Rules, with the exception of Brunswick Women's Softball League Rules.