

**BROOKLYN CENTER/CRYSTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENTS**  
**2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS – MEN’S & CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

TEAM ROSTER: The maximum team roster is unlimited. Any manager or player who falsifies any information on the roster will be suspended from all MRPA leagues and athletics for one full year including Brooklyn Center and Crystal.

FORFEITS: There will be a 5-minute grace period before a game is forfeited. A team must have at least 9 players to start and continue a game. Any TEAM FORFEITING two games will be dropped from the league and there will be NO REFUND.

PROTESTS: A protest may be entered with the recreation department upon deposit of a \$20.00 fee by the protesting team, which will be returned if the protest is allowed. Teams wishing to protest must notify the umpire in charge of the game in question before resuming play. In addition, a written protest must be postmarked or delivered to the recreation department office within 24 hours of the completion of the game.

UMPIRES: The umpires shall rule the game at all times. **DRINKING OR POSSESSION OF BEER OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE PARKS IS FORBIDDEN.** The use of vulgar language is not allowed and smoking is not allowed on the playing field or bench. Umpires will enforce these rules and will be supported 100% by these departments.

RAIN OUTS: If there are any questions about the playability of the fields in case of inclement weather, **ONLY THE MANAGER** of each team should call the parks and recreation department weather line (BC 763-569-3442, Crystal 763-531-1173). This is a recorded message. Managers should call **AFTER 4:30 p.m.** The league director will reschedule all rainouts.

U.S.S.S.A RULES: The U.S.S.S.A. rules shall govern in all instances except where local rules may apply.

USE OF UNAPPROVED BATS: Any individual using a bat not approved by the USSSA will be asked to use an approved bat. If the bat goes unnoticed and the player gets a hit, the player will be called out and runners will return to their previous base.

HOMERUN RULE: ALL LEAGUES ARE ALLOWED 3 OVER THE FENCE AND UNTOUCHED HOMERUNS PER GAME. ANY HOMERUN AFTER THE 3 ALLOWED IS AN OUT.

LEAGUE RULES:

New – No Children allowed in player bench area

1. First base bench for home teams.
2. Full names must be used in scorebook.
3. Balls will be supplied for each game.
4. **3 balls/2 strikes, no courtesy foul, 7 innings. Ball is alive on 2nd foul strike.**
5. 15 run rule in effect after 5 innings, 10 run rule after 6 innings. Flip-flop rule in effect.

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6. Batting line-up options:
  - a. Bat all players - Free substitution.
  - b. Bat 10 players - Re-entry rule: starter may re-enter once.
  - c. Bat 11 players (A.H.). Re-entry Rule: starter may re-enter once.  
\*Once you choose an option to start the game, you must end the game the same way.
7. Any player or manager ejected from a game will be suspended for two games. A second ejection and he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Ejections may occur before, during, or after a game.
8. Any player throwing a bat especially in anger will be ejected from the game plus the following two games.
9. Any player ejected from a game for fighting will receive a 3-game suspension. For a second fight, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
10. A suspension is automatic, but can be appealed to the league director. If a player plays after being suspended without being reinstated, his/her team will be dropped from the league with no refund.
11. Slide-or-get-out-of-the-way rule.
12. Arch on pitches - 10 ft. maximum from ground, 3 ft. minimum from release.
13. The pitcher has 5 seconds to release the pitch when time is called in.
14. Three practice pitches to start game and between innings.
15. Time limit - 1 hour – No new inning may start after 55 minutes. If a game is tied, it ends tied.
16. JUNE 15 IS DEADLINE TO ADD PLAYERS TO ROSTER. Injured players may be replaced on your roster anytime during the season with authorization from league director.
18. Ball out of play - 2 bases. Retouch rule in affect.
19. Any player touching an umpire in a dispute is suspended for the year.

**SPECIAL NOTICE: PARKING** - All cars should park in the parking lots or on the park side of the street and never in front of any house. Violators' cars can be tagged or towed away at owner's expense.

**GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY  
BROOKLYN CENTER OR CRYSTAL PARKS.**

Any Problems call	Patrick Reese	or	Scott Berggren
	763-569-3470 - Direct line		763-531-1152 – Direct Line
	763-569-3400 - Recreation office		763-531-0052 - Recreation office

**NOTICE**

The parks and recreation department does not provide accident insurance for participants in any of its programs. Participants assure all inherent risk of injury from their involvement in programs or activities.