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Toledo Sport and Social Club **Co-Ed Softball Game Rules:**

- A) Mercy rule:** 10-run lead after 6 innings, 15-run lead after 5 innings
- B) Runs per inning:** The batting team may score up to 8 runs per inning. Once 8 runs have been score the inning will immediately end. During a team's last at bats or in the case where the mercy rule would be enforced, the trailing team may score more than 8.
- C) Rosters:** TSSC allows rosters to remain fluid throughout the season. We understand that periodically throughout the season, subs may be needed in order to fill the lineup. Teams may also 'borrow' players from other teams in the league.
- D) Playoff Eligibility:** Teams must use players who have played on their team during the regular season for the playoffs. 'Borrowing' players in the playoffs is only allowed with approval from the opposition. If a player has consistently played for multiple teams during the regular season, he/she is eligible to compete for both teams. Teams in need of subs during the playoffs must evaluate the skill of their sub and ensure he/she is no better than the player being replaced. We ask for integrity regarding this!!
- E) Home Run Limit:** Each team is allowed 3 over-the-fence home runs per game. The following 2 balls being hit over the fence on the fly will count as "Ground Rule Doubles". Balls hit over-the-fence after a team has reached this limit (5) will be recorded as an "Out". A ball hit over-the-fence resulting in a ground rule double only advances runners to which they are forced. Therefore, a ground rule double hit with only a runner on 3rd results in runners on 2nd and 3rd.
- F) Beginning Count:** All batters start with a 1-and-1 ball/strike count. A batter will receive one foul ball after reaching a two-strike count. Another foul ball after this, will result in a strikeout.
- G) Re-entry rule:** All starters may re-enter during the game and must return to the same place in the batting lineup.
- H) Extra Innings:** Extra-inning games are allowed but no new inning will start after 55 minutes of game time.
- I) Game Time:** No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of play. Because of time limits, games can end in ties.
- J) Lineups:** Lineups must alternate male and female batters with either gender being first.
- K) Defensive lineups:** When consisting of 10 players an equal number of male and female players must exist on the field. There are no position requirements for these players to be split evenly amongst the infield and outfield positions, ie. all outfielders can be male, infielders female.

- L) Home Plate Line:** An extension of the 1st base line will be marked on the 3rd base side of home plate to indicate the “Scoring Line”. Baserunners are required to use this line when scoring a run. This line along with home plate will be treated similar to 1st base. The defense is required to use home plate to make plays. If the ball is caught while the defensive player is in contact with home plate before the baserunner reaches the line, the baserunner will be declared “Out”. A player using home plate to score when a play at the plate takes place will be declared “Out” (This rule may or may not be implemented. Check with the umpire.
- M) Runner Commitment Line:** A line, approximately 15 feet from home plate on the third base line will represent the “Commitment Line” for scoring runs. Once a runner crosses this line, he/she must continue towards the home plate line.
- N) Walks:** Walks to all male players will result in 2 bases and the following female hitter in the lineup will bat. If there are 2 outs in the inning, a female batter may elect to take a walk behind a male batter who was walked.
- a. Walks to female players will result in 1 base.
- O) Jerseys:** Each team is responsible for furnishing team uniforms. Uniforms must be similar in design with a 6” or larger number clearly visible on the back.
- P) Scorebook:** The “Home” team scorebook is the “official” scorebook for the game.
- Q) Bats:** As specified in the USSSA Rule Book and must be stamped with “USSSA” approval
- R) Forfeit policy:** We don’t want you to forfeit and neither does your competition. If you must, you will be assessed a \$20 fee for each game you forfeit. Payment of fines must be made within 2 weeks of the forfeit or the team will be removed from the league and no refund will be given.
- S) Umpire fees:** \$10 per game per team; if you play a double-header, you are responsible for umpire fees for each games
- T) Cleats:** No metal spikes allowed
- U) Playoffs:** A single-elimination playoff will take place over a two week time period at the end of the season and depending on the number of teams in the league, not all teams may qualify.
- o Playoff seeding will be done by winning percentage. The tie-breaker order is runs allowed then head to head record.

Toledo Sport and Social Club **Co-Ed Wiffle Ball Game Rules:**

- A) Mercy rule:** 10-run lead after 6 innings, 15-run lead after 5 innings
- B) Runs per inning:** The batting team may score up to 8 runs per inning. Once 8 runs have been score the inning will immediately end. During a team's last at bats or in the case where the mercy rule would be enforced, the trailing team may score more than 8.
- C) Extra Innings:** Extra-inning games are allowed but no new inning will start after 55 minutes of game time.
- D) Game Time:** No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of play. Because of time limits, games can end in ties.
- E) Lineups:** Lineups will consist of 6 players. No more than 4 of these may be male. Teams must have at least 2 female players for the game to count.
 - a. Extra Hitters: Each team may use an additional 2 players in their batting lineup that are not in their fielding lineup.
 - b. Lineups should alternate between genders. If an uneven number of male and female players are present, no more than 2 male batters may bat in a row.
- F) Defensive lineups:** There will be 6 positions in the field. They are suggested to be 3 infielders, 2 outfielders, and a catcher. The only required position is catcher.
 - a. **Infield/Outfield Players:** Check with the TSSC league official to learn the playing field marks that indicate where an 'infield' player must play and where an 'outfield' player must play until a ball is hit.
- G) Playable Balls:** Any ball in fair territory is considered playable. A ball hitting the ceiling or non-designated homerun area is catchable for an OUT.
- H) Hitting:** No bunting or chopping is allowed. If the umpire determines this has taken place, the batter will be OUT.
- I) Running:** Runners must stay within the base line and fielders must stay out of the base line. Fielders trying to make an out on the base may have their foot on base, but must lean out of the baseline to avoid contact with the runner. Runners hindered by any fielder within the base line shall be safe at the base to which they were running.
 - a. **Infield Fly Rule:** This does not apply in wiffle ball. Runners must tag up before advancing on a caught fly ball.
- J) Homeruns:** There are designated "automatic" homeruns for the gym being used. Check with the TSSC official for the gym specific ground rules.

K) Outs: Outs will be made by tagging a runner with the ball, catching fly balls, and by getting the ball to a player tagging the base to which a runner is forced.

L) Pitching: Each team will supply their own pitcher. This pitcher is considered part of the playing field for instances where he/she is struck by the ball. However, this player must make an effort to avoid being hit.

- a. Each batter will be thrown up to 3 pitches during an at bat. If the 3rd pitch is not hit in fair territory, the batter will be OUT.
- b. All pitches must be thrown over hand.

M) Bats: Toledo Sport and Social Club will provide the bats for league play. There will be a standard yellow waffle ball bat for everyone to use. Additionally, there will be a red "jumbo" bat that 1 player per inning will be allowed to use.

N) Playoffs: A single-elimination playoff will take place over a two week time period at the end of the season and depending on the number of teams in the league, not all teams may qualify.

- o Playoff seeding will be done by winning percentage. Tie breakers will be runs allowed followed by head to head record.

Toledo Sport and Social Club's General League Rules

1) Officials

- a) Leagues run by TSSC either have an official or are self-officiated. When self-officiated, the teams playing must be responsible for calling their own infractions. It is not the responsibility of the opponents to call a foul.
- b) TSSC officials are responsible for the fair play of games, however, participants are still responsible for knowing and understanding the league rules. Officials will make calls based on established league rules and have the final say. Officials will work to provide fair and fun game play. If a participant is found to be disrupting this effort, the league official has the authority remove said player from the game.
- c) Participants choosing to yell at officials will NOT be tolerated!

2) Forfeits

- a) TSSC strives to provide fun and organized game play. This is achieved in large part by having teams committed to playing their scheduled games. However, from time to time a team may not be able to attend its scheduled game. In this case, it is the responsibility of the team to notify TSSC at least 24 hours in advance of missing a game to report its forfeit. Teams who forfeit multiple times during a season may not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament or may be removed from the league altogether.

3) Substitutions

- a) Substitutions are allowed during the regular season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to explain the rules to subs before games begin. Teams may borrow players from other league teams as substitutes only during the regular season. When borrowing players from another team, a maximum number of subs allowed is the amount needed to have a full team on the field plus one. Teams must play their normal roster players ahead of substitutes who were borrowed from another team.

4) Playoffs Eligibility

- a) In order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-season playoffs a player must have played at least one regular season game with the team. Teams may be ruled ineligible by TSSC for rule or sportsmanship infractions and will be notified if their eligibility has been revoked.

5) Standings / Seeding

- a) Throughout the season, league standings will be updated and displayed on the league webpage. The order shown on the page is not necessarily the order of seeding that will exist for the end-of-season tournament. In the case of multiple

teams having the same regular season record, tie-breakers will be listed in the sport specific portion of the rules.

6) Sportsmanship

- a) The Toledo Sport and Social Club exists to provide adults with the ability to continue to compete in lifelong recreational play. We realize there will be intense moments during games, in particular towards the end of games or when a player makes a mistake in judgement, but we hope the TSSC Spirit of Play will always remain.
- b) The TSSC encourages players to play with a "Fun First, Win Second" attitude. Our leagues are about getting out and having a good time with old friends and new! The TSSC believes that encouraging good sports behavior is why players join and will remain in our leagues. Playing with TSSC Spirit provides a non-threatening, fun environment for all levels of players. Good sporting behavior: behavioral tendencies of a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, and victory without gloating, and who treats all opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy and respect. This is the attitude we encourage all players to display on and off the playing field!

7) League Cancellation / Rainout

- a) TSSC uses two methods to inform teams when a rainout or game cancellation has taken place. The voice mail message for the phone line 855-HEY-TSSC (439-8772) extension 1 (will be updated with information regarding the status of league play. Additionally, TSSC will update the status of its profile, ToledoSportand Social Club on Facebook.
- b) Due to the nature of weather, TSSC won't always be able to update these messages prior to the start of league play for a particular evening. If neither of these methods has been updated, please show up to the game location and seek information there about the status of games for the evening.
- c) In the case of a rainout or game cancellation, TSSC will attempt to reschedule the games. However, not all games are guaranteed and TSSC reserves the right to shorten the league schedule, without issuing a refund, if necessary.

8) Website

- a) Toledo Sport and Social Club's websites, www.ToledoSSC.com and www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com are the source for all information regarding all team and league information. Please utilize the websites functions for all scheduling and registration functions. Other features that may be found on the website are: Free Agent postings, League Rules, Social Events, and in-season announcements.

9) Sponsors / Post Game Socials

- a) Prior to the beginning of each league TSSC will establish as "Sponsor Bar" to serve as a social gathering place for all TSSC teams and fans after league nights. The sponsor establishments and deals are specific to TSSC members and are prearranged. These will be listed on the league page throughout the

season. Please socialize and enjoy yourselves at all times but keep in mind that you are representing TSSC when attending post game socials.

10) Rule Changes

- a) TSSC reserves the right to change league rules at any time. Team managers will be made aware of rule changes and it then becomes their responsibility to communicate changes to their teams. Rules for each sport will be listed under each sport's page.