



Dover Foundation 2010 Fall Church Softball League League Rules and General Information

1. **Entry Fee Balance Due:** 8/27/10 **Amount:** \$375.00
2. The Cleveland County Family YMCA prohibits possession or consumption of any drugs or alcoholic beverages on YMCA program property (including parking lots). Violators will be asked to leave the area. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of ball games, suspension of individuals and/or teams (no refunds). The YMCA also has a no smoking/tobacco policy that includes no use of tobacco products on any YMCA program property.
3. *The Cleveland County Family YMCA does not provide accident insurance coverage for injuries received by participants. Each participant should make sure that they have appropriate coverage either through family or individual policies.*
4. **Home Team:** Will be determined by the league schedule.
5. **Prayer:** Beginning of each game by the Home team
6. **Team:** *A minimum of (9) players can start a game. However, an out shall be declared when the tenth position in the line-up is scheduled to bat. A tenth player may be added to the tenth position any time before the end of a game. Any team that starts a game with ten or eleven players may drop to the minimum of (9) players to finish the game. ALL vacant spot (s) in the line-up will be declared an out every time that position is due to bat. If a team starts with nine or ten players they **are not allowed** to add the eleventh or twelfth player at a later time.*
7. **Re-Entry:** Any of the starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he or she is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.
8. **Additional Hitter (AH):** May be used if inserted in the line-up at the beginning of the game. The batting order must remain constant, however, any (10) of the (12) players can take a defensive position throughout the game. See **League Rule No. 6** if the A.H. cannot finish the game.
9. **Home Runs:** (5) per game. **Any home run hit after five will be an out.**
10. **League or Tournament Games:** NO grace period.
11. **Games will be considered complete before the 7th inning under the following conditions:**
(Regular season games)
 - A. Twenty run lead at the end of (3) innings
 - B. Fifteen run lead after (4) innings
 - C. Ten run lead at the end of the (5th or 6th) innings.
12. **Inclement Weather:** If a game is suspended by the umpire because of weather, it will be a complete game if the **losing team** has had **four innings** at bat. If not, the game will be re-scheduled and start over.
13. **Inclement Weather Hotline #:** For inclement weather call 704-407-0003. If there is not a message referring to cancellations then games are still being played.

14. **Cancellation of Games for Unforeseen Events or Emergencies:** Each team coach will be notified as soon as possible and when it will be re-scheduled.
15. **Make-up Games:** Will be rescheduled on Fridays or Saturdays. Teams will be notified at least a week ahead of their re-scheduled games.
16. **Attendance Requirement:** To be **ELIGIBLE** for the Post-Season Tournament a player **MUST** have been on the Roster and have played in five (5) of his teams regular season games. **A player's attendance status will be obtained from the regular season's scorebook.**
17. **Injury Clause for Rule No. 16:** If a player can furnish an excuse by a doctor or medical trainer the date (s) he or she could not participate in, he will receive credit for those games during that period.
18. **Dugouts:** During game time they will be occupied **ONLY** by the coaches, bat person, and players.
19. **Scorekeeper:** The League will provide a YMCA employee for each game.
20. **USSSA Umpires:** Will be used in **ALL** Regular Season and Tournament Games. If (2) umpires are scheduled for a game, but only one umpire is present at game time, the game will begin as scheduled.
21. **Line-up Sheets:** Coaches **MUST** turn them into the Official Scorekeeper (10) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time to avoid delays. Line-up sheets **MUST** include first and last name.
22. **Equipment (Bats):** **ALL** softball bats **MUST** conform to USSSA Rules.
23. **Equipment (Steel Cleats):** Use of Steel Cleats is **NOT ALLOWED**. Anyone violating this rule will be suspended from the game unless he or she can find other shoes to wear in order to complete the game.
24. **Equipment (Balls):** Teams will furnish and hit their own .44 core balls, 400 compression.
25. **Games Forfeited:** Coaches should make every effort to avoid their team forfeiting a game. Forfeits are not good for the league or your team.
26. **Player:** To participate you **must** be 16 years old or older.
27. **Team Roster:** Will consist of a minimum of (14) players and a maximum of (30) players. Rosters will be maintained in score-box and the scorekeeper will check line-up sheets against rosters each game for any players not eligible to play.
28. **Courtesy Runner:** Allowed one per inning. (1st option) – Someone who is not in the game. (2nd option) – The player in the line-up who made the last out. Note: *Any other runner requested during the same inning MUST be a substitute player.*
29. **Team Rosters:** ***Must be typed in alphabetical order.*** First/Last name and must be signed by the team coach.
30. **Player added to the roster:** Each player added after each teams' first scheduled game must be done by the coach. If the player is approved by the League Director, the player must meet a **ONE GAME WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENT.** (*Note: Must be present, in the dugout and on Line-up sheet as a sub. for this one game waiting period.*) ***Cannot add to roster after second game.***

31. **Team Records:** After the Regular Season, if a team has the same overall record as another team, the tie will be broken by: (1) Head to head (2) Run differential between head to head games (3) Flip of a coin
32. **Litter:** Please help keep the grounds clean. Throw your trash away! If you see it...you own it.
33. **League Tournaments:**
- A. Post-Season Tournament will be double-elimination.
 - B. If a team has a (10) Run Lead after (5) complete innings the game will be over, except the championship game. It will go the full (7) innings.
34. **Conduct/Sportsmanship:** All players and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a *Sportsmanlike manner at all times*. Any player or coach ejected from any game will be suspended from the next **(2) games (Regular season or tournament)**, whichever situation is applicable. The next offense will result in Termination for the remainder of the season or tournament play. The coach of each team is responsible for the conduct of his players. So, **if a player is ejected for his action, the coach will be ejected also for the remainder of the game.** *(No further action will be enforced against the coach in this situation.)* Special Note: *Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon your entire church and the Dover Foundation YMCA Fall Church Softball League.*
35. **Player suspended:** For any reason must leave the grounds immediately or team will forfeit the game. Second suspension is automatic ejection from league.
36. *Alcoholic beverages or illegal controlled substances will not be allowed on Church property at any time. Failure to comply with this rule will result in removal from the premises. Any player or coach breaking this rule will be permanently suspended from the league.*
37. **Team Coaches:** Responsible to advise their players of all league and tournament rules.

League Official:

YMCA Mission: Helping all people reach their God given potential in spirit, mind and body.

