



Competitive BRONCO 12U LEAGUE RULES

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USA rules apply (refer to USA softball of Nebraska Code and Rule Book pg 24) unless otherwise specified below with an open substitution format and all players will be included in the batting order. Umpires will be USA registered. Umpire decisions are final and no protests will be allowed.

Base runners can lead off when the pitcher releases the ball and steal. Home plate is open to steal. The game will be called after time limit provided the home team is at bat and ahead. The tie breaker rule will be used in which the player listed last in the batting order of that half inning will start at 2nd base. Games will be played to determine a winner. In case of rain or other postponements, the league commissioner has the right to cancel the game. Please call the Parks and Recreation Dept Activities **hotline # 402-462-7109**. If rain or threat of rain, games may be shortened by time or innings to get the games in if possible. League fees are non-refundable.

Run ahead rule: If home team is ahead 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings run rule will be called and no need for home team to bat.

Time Limit: 75 minutes and finish the inning unless the home team is ahead. The time starts at the first warmup pitch.

Tiebreaker rule will be used to break ties after 5 innings or time has expired. All games tied after 7 innings or if 75 minutes has elapsed, the international tie-breaker will apply. The player batting in the last position at the start of each additional half inning will begin at second base. (EX: If the number 5 batter is to lead off then the number 4 batter will be sent to second base).

Teams will get the same amount of home and away status games. The Home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout and remain there if playing a double header.

The league will provide game balls that are 12 inch optic yellow .47 cor and .375 compression. There will be a Hastings Parks & Recreation staff to keep scorebook. Please compare scorebooks if needed to avoid conflicts in standings. The schedule and standings can be viewed by searching for Hastings Teamsideline. The game scores and team league standings will be updated on the league website and Hastings Tribune each week throughout the season.

Teams are asked to be at the playing field 30 minutes prior to game time and ready to play. Coaches will exchange lineups before the game to the scorekeeper, umpire, and opponent. **If a team is not able to make it to a game for any reason, please call the Parks and Recreation Dept at 402-461-2324 by 5pm so communication is relayed to staff and other teams in a timely manner.** Those games will be counted as losses and the fees for those games will not be refunded.

All teams, players, umpires and spectators participating in this league do so at their own risk. League officials will not be responsible for any injuries or obligations sustained as part of any league play or participation.

These will be non-protest games. The umpire will settle disputes before play resumes. Umpire reserves the right to give warning or eject any player, coach or spectator if so deemed necessary from the game and/or Smith complex. Anyone ejected more than one time during a season will not be allowed back as a participant, coach or spectator at any remaining games in that current season. Everyone should show respect for the all parties involved with the game.

Divisions with eight or more teams will receive awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, divisions with seven or less teams will receive awards for 1st and 2nd place and divisions with three or less teams will receive awards for 1st place. No tournament will follow regular season.

Batting helmets must have facemasks, chin straps, and must be NOCSAE certified stamped. At the completion of each game, please clean up and trash left in the dugout area.