

## Prattville Parks and Recreation Department Local League Rules

1. **Lines up must be turned in 10 minutes prior to game time.** Line ups will include names, numbers and the batting order.
2. Game time is forfeit time.
3. Games will have a one hour time limit or seven innings. An inning will not begin after the deadline, unless the game is tied. The following inning/run limitations will apply: 20 runs after three innings; 15 runs after four innings and 10 runs after five innings.
4. Home run rule will be 3 per team, after which the “San Diego” rule will go into effect. If one team hits 3 homeruns and the other team does not, then “San Diego” will not go into effect.
5. Men’s league will start with a “1 and 1” count. Meaning each batter will have 1 ball and 1 strike on them when stepping to the plate. There will be no courtesy foul.
6. **Steel cleats, golf shoes, track shoes, etc., are not permitted.** Shoes are required
7. Softballs must be marked ASA approved: MSP52 12” Optic yellow (.52 Core 300 Compression) for men
8. Rain outs will be made up as time permits. Priority for make up games will be determined by the league standings.
9. The Parks and Recreation Department will determine if the playing fields are suitable for play. After the first game of the day has begun, the umpires will assume responsibility for calling off or suspending games. The decision to call off games will be made at 4:00 p.m. **Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 595-0808 if you have any questions.**
10. **Any player displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or expulsion. Suspended players must leave the park area and may not return until the suspension has been lifted. The Director and the Athletic Director shall determine the duration of suspensions.**
11. **A player who is ejected from a game for any reason will be required to leave the park immediately.**
12. **Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason. The penalty for fighting will be suspension for the duration of the current season or possibly expulsion from the program all together.**

13. **Swearing or cursing will not be tolerated. The penalty for this offense will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately.**
14. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at any City park or facility. (This includes the parking lot)**
15. **There will be no tobacco use of any kind allowed inside the parks fence's as per City of Prattville Ordinance. This includes smoking, dipping, and chewing. Penalty for violation will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately.**  
**\*\*This rule pertains to players and spectators.**
16. **Players will in no way threaten or come into physical contact with an umpire. Per Alabama State laws you can be arrested, fined and be subject to jail time for this offense.**
17. **If there is a problem with a call or a protest, the only member of your team eligible to discuss it with the umpire or the Parks and Recreation Staff is the coach or the team manager.**
18. There will be a protest fee of \$50.00 (cash). Protests will be handled in accordance with ASA rules and league bylaws. If the protest is valid the fee will be refunded. If the protest is invalid, the fee will not be refunded. You can not protest judgment calls.
19. A team will be dropped from the league without a refund after three forfeits.
20. All players, managers and coaches who are going to be on the field or in the dugout must be on the official roster. **IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE ROSTER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.**
21. Official rosters are due prior to the first game.
22. Players must be 16 before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be eligible for adult play. Players may not play high school softball or baseball while playing with the adult league.
23. The NCAA, ASA and AHSAA blood rule applies. Any cut, scrape or open wound that is bleeding, must be stopped and covered before the player can resume play. Bloody clothes must be changed.
24. **ASA rule 4.1.d, the short handed rule is amended as follow: teams playing short handed will not be penalized with an out when the 10<sup>th</sup> position comes to bat. If the player joins the team before the 10<sup>th</sup> position comes to bat, the player will play. If the player joins the team after the 10<sup>th</sup> position has come to bat, the player can only play as a substitute.**

25. ASA Softball Rules will be the governing rules for league play. Some exceptions may occur between local league rules and ASA rules.
26. Teams will be required to have their jerseys by the date set by the Parks and Recreation Department Staff. Team members jerseys must be similar in color, have a number on the back and the church name on the front. **(Parks and Recreation Department Staff will have discretion over this rule) If teams do not have matching jersey's after the set date, it will be at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Staff weather a non-matching jersey is suitable in order for the individual to play.** (ex. of non-acceptable, team wearing black and individual wearing white).
27. Players may be added to the official roster up until **the last two weeks** of the regular season. You will not be allowed to add players for the end of the season tournament if they are not already on your roster.
28. A players name may only be on one roster. Once your name is on a roster for the season, you will not be allowed to change teams.
29. If a team is short handed at game time and needs to pick up no more than one player to field a team, this will be allowed if: the opposing teams coach approves, the umpire approves and it is allowed by the Parks and Recreation Department staff who is running the complex that night. If everyone is in agreement, the game will be played as an official game and no protest of an ineligible player will be allowed.
30. If a team has a player who is injured and needs a courtesy runner, the following rule will apply: the courtesy runner for an injured player will be the player who received the last out. A coach may not pick the courtesy runner.
- 31. CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
32. League rules applying to behavior will also carry over into the parking lot. As long as you are still on City of Prattville property, you are governed by the local league rules. **Suspension and expulsion will also apply to players who do not exercise proper behavior while driving in the parking lot. Example:** squealing tires, loud music, reckless driving, drinking in the parking lot, etc.
33. There will be no stealing allowed in league softball.
34. Only coaches will be allowed in the press box for the purpose of turning in line ups before games.

## **General Information**

Contact:

595-0807 or Summer.Ammons@prattvilleal.gov

Games will start September 8

Play Days: Monday (depending on the number of teams another night might be added)  
Tuesday for rainouts

City Website: [www.prattvilleal.gov](http://www.prattvilleal.gov)

City Facebook: [www.facebook.com/prattvilleal.gov](http://www.facebook.com/prattvilleal.gov)

Jerseys: All teams are required to have their jerseys by the beginning of the season.

Rosters must be turned in by the beginning of the season. (You can add as needed until the last two weeks of the regular season.)

Fee: \$300.00 per team

Registration Deadline: August 28