

City of Utica Muny League  
participation Rules 2011

**\*\*ALL GAMES SHALL BE PLAYED USING ASA RULES UNLESS MODIFIED BELOW\*\***

*Team Entry Fee:* \$685.00 Payable by deadline:  
Checks payable to: CITY OF UTICA MUNY SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
*Fees must be paid by deadline or your spot from the previous year will not be secure.*

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. A player must be 18 years of age as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, with no high school eligibility left.
  2. A completed player eligibility list (roster) must be submitted by each team prior to the start of the season, a maximum of 20 players.
  3. Roster must be handed in before first week of play and completed prior to the start of week 4.
  4. Completed rosters will be posted on the website and be permanent at that point.
  5. Any team permitting a player to participate under an assumed name or address, or using an ineligible player ***must forfeit*** all games in which said player participated in. Both player and team are liable for suspension. ***Failure to submit complete names and addresses will be interpreted as violating this rule!***
  6. Any player wanting to transfer to another team must wait four games or fifteen days (whatever comes first) from the last game he played. No transfers will be allowed after the third week of the season. No exceptions!
  7. All roster transactions must be made through the City of Utica Youth Bureau.
  8. If a player is ejected from a game, he will be ineligible to play his teams' next game, whether it is the second game of a double header or the first game the following week.
  9. Any player who physically assaults a member of the opposing team or an umpire shall be ***expelled*** from the league for a ***minimum*** of 1 year from the time of the incident.
  10. Any player who ***verbally*** assaults any member of the opposing team or umpire may be suspended from the league upon review by the committee.  
Any player who uses unsportsmanlike tactics (particularly contact) will be liable to expulsion from the game, and if guilty a second time will be given a mandatory 2 game suspension.  
Any player caught drinking alcohol or using a controlled substance will be ejected from the game and suspended for the next game. This rule applies before and during a game.
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1. A player must be on the active roster in order to be eligible for the playoffs,
  2. No player shall be allowed to play on more than 1 team,
  3. If a team breaks up active business sponsors control the spot, not players. If a business no longer wants participation, or a team paid the fee themselves, the spot will go to the most returning roster players.

## GAMES

1. Game time is 5:45pm (unless otherwise noted). A grace period of fifteen minutes will be allowed. **Game must start if the team has 9 players**
2. Second game will start no later than 15 minutes after the first game is over unless the team forfeited the first game in which they will be allowed 20 minutes
3. Rainouts will be called by the Youth Bureau please call 315-223-4322 at 430pm to check game status.
4. **Playing with 9 players:**  
Games can and must start if nine players are present.

Second game can also start with 9 players providing there were no ejections in the first game.

Games that start with 10 players can continue with 9, only if a player was injured.

All games must finish with the same number of players it started with (except in the case of an injury) or the game is forfeited.

A team can not play with 8 players under any circumstance.

5. Before starting a game, each team must put an official line-up in the scorebook and make any changes during the game. The umpire will sign the scorebook and return it to the field representative at the conclusion of the game.
6. The team last mentioned on the schedule will be the home team for the first game
7. The home team will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper for that game
8. Five full innings (4 ½ innings if home team is ahead) shall constitute an official game in the regular season.
9. Any game called before it becomes official or any game tied that is called after five innings **must be played in its entirety**
10. A team deliberately forfeiting any 2 nights will lose its rights as a member of the league. All of its scheduled games will be counted as forfeits. **NO REFUNDS!**
11. Teams may use the DH **and** EH **See rule 12**
12. **EXTRA HITTER:** The EH is an eleventh player batting anywhere in the batting order. The EH is NOT to be used as the DH. The EH can be inserted into the field for a position player just like any other position player would be able to. The DH CANNOT play the field under ANY circumstances.
13. There is a no re-entry rule
14. Pitching: Arc is 6'-12' ASA Rule
  1. Courtesy Runner: One Player only, can be a replacement runner for each game. Player must be designated before or during the game. Runner must be player who will be the last person to bat in the order.
  2. **Home runs:** The rule will be 3 up.

**A team can have three homeruns more than their opponent at all times. .**

1. One foul after two strikes, second foul you are out
2. Catchers Mask is optional
3. **Mercy Rule:** 20 runs after 4 innings:15 after 5

## **Equipment/Uniforms**

1. No metal spikes- any player wearing metal must change cleats or come out.
2. If you wear a hat, it must be a baseball hat and worn with the brim in front.
3. No tank tops or jeans.
4. No jewelry will be worn. This includes ropes, and any other articles the umpires might deem dangerous.
5. End of bat may be “coned out” as long as the tape isn’t thicker than the width of the knob.
6. **Bats Aluminum Only**
  - . Aluminum Barrel and composite handles are allowed.
  - . No Mizuno Bats / No liquid metal (rawlings)
  - . White Steel is allowed / Easton cv12 allowed
  - . No Titanium
  - . No Stamps from ASA needed

## **PROTESTS**

1. Appeals and disputes involving *official rulings* must be made to the umpire on the field at the time of the occurrence. If the game continues to be played under protest, a written protest must be submitted and filed with the City of Utica Bureau within 1 business day of the game in question. A \$ 25.00 fee must be accompanied by the protest.
2. Protests on the eligibility of a player must be made in writing. A \$25.00 fee must accompany this protest.

\*The protest fee is refunded if the protest is sustained. Fee is kept if protest is rejected.\*

## **BLOOD RULE**

1. Any player with blood on his person or clothing must leave game until bleeding stops, and clothing is changed or cleaned.
2. Any extra player can substitute for injured player.
3. Injured player can re-enter game after rule 1 is met.
4. Substitute may re-enter game.
5. If there is no substitute the team must play with 9 players.

\*\*If team is playing with 9 players at the time of injury the game will be stopped no longer than 15 minutes, then game will be forfeited\*\*\*

## **Website Information**

[Http://UticaSoftball.com](http://UticaSoftball.com)  
*For all scores and standings*  
*Plus news and forms needed*

## ***Playoffs***

***\*\*All playoff rules will be the same as regular season unless modified below\*\****

### ***Seeding***

Play-offs will be a blind draw. More information will be posted on the website.

#### ***2-Team Tie***

Head to Head runs scored, if still tied

Total runs scored for the night; if still tied

Playoff Game

Scores on website are official; if you don't question them when posted don't ask for a correction at the end of the year.

#### ***3-Teams Tied or more***

. Head to Head record, if still tied ( if 1 team has a better record they get 1<sup>st</sup> place the other teams move on for the next seed see example below)

. Head to Head runs scored; if still tied

. Total Runs scored for the night.

. Playoff Game

. Scores on website are official; if you don't question them when posted don't ask for a correction at the end of the year.

***Example for three way tie:*** Migas, Anthony's and Dick Smiths are all tied at 17-3. Migas beat Anthony's twice and split with Dick Smiths. Dick Smiths and Anthony's also split. Migas Gets 1<sup>st</sup> place. Then Anthony's and Dick Smiths would go to a 2 team tie breaker to see who gets 2<sup>nd</sup> place. If more then 3 teams are tied you continue to use the three team tiebreaker until you can use the two team rule.

### ***Mercy Rule***

1. First round : 15 after 5 innings

***After first round there is no mercy rule***

Semi-Finals and Finals of the playoffs must be 7 complete innings. If the game is called, it will resume from the point of stoppage.