

**PELHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**738-0153**

**2018 MEN'S SOFTBALL RULES, REGULATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

**I. SCHEDULES**

1. Schedules will be made up by the Department of Recreation (supervisor in charge of program) and distributed to each team manager.
2. No games shall be postponed or advanced without the consent of the Recreation Department. Any rained out game/games delayed or advanced through any other unavoidable causes must be played when designated by the Recreation Department. Managers will be notified.
3. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if five or more innings have been played or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic or other cause, which places the patrons or players in peril.
4. Forfeit Time: Start time 6:30PM or 7:00PM, a 10-minute grace period will be given for those games only. The start time for the second and third games will be the scheduled start time or as soon as the prior game is completed (after scheduled start). Defense (Home) Team will take the field and present a minimum of 9 roster players. The Offensive (Away) Team will be at bat. When the Away Team takes the field they must have a minimum of 9 roster players on the field. If the following does not occur the game is a forfeit.
5. A team must start a game if nine (9) members are present at the starting time. If a team starts with nine (9) players, the 10<sup>th</sup> player may play upon arriving at the game provided he is inserted into the last position of the batting order. The 11<sup>th</sup> batter may also be added provided he arrives before one (1) completed rotation of the batting order. (See 11<sup>th</sup> batter rule under XI. Special Rules for Slow-Pitch.)
6. The number of players in the final batting order (9, 10, or 11) is also required to complete a game. If for any reason, a spot in the batting order cannot be filled (injury; no available substitute), the spot may be left vacant. Each vacant spot will be counted as an automatic out. Under NO conditions will a game be allowed to continue without at least (9) players.
7. The first place team (regular season) in each league will move up to the next higher league next season. The last place team (regular season) in each league may be required to move down to the next lower league next season.

**II. ELIGIBILITY**

**ALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND COACHES MUST BE:**

1. Permanent full time resident of the Town of Pelham and provide two (2) proofs of residency, one must be a current valid driver license (Photo I.D.). The second can be any one of the following:
  - A. Automobile Registration
  - B. Con Edison Statement (Jan. Feb or March 2018)
  - C. Regular Telephone Statement (2018) (No cell phone statements)
  - D. Town of Pelham Tax Statement
  - E. Village of Pelham or Village of Pelham Manor Tax Statement
  - F. Valid Current Passport
  - G. Voter Registration Card issued by the Board of Elections Westchester County and having voted in recent Pelham election
  - H. College tuition statement – for college students along with College I.D. (Photo)

2. Non-resident owning property and paying taxes to the Town of Pelham may participate as a resident. Proof Required:
  1. Valid Driver's License (Photo I.D.)
  2. Deed with Individual's name on it
  3. Copy of Latest Tax Bill.
  4. Copy of Cancelled Check or Cash Receipt
3. Non-Resident (Past-Resident)
 

Each team is permitted to have three (3) Non-Resident (Past Resident) players. A non-Resident (Past-Resident) is a person who has graduated from High School while living in Pelham and has moved from the Town of Pelham, he may play as a Past-Resident. If his Parent/Parents are a Current Pelham Resident (Parents' Address and telephone number is required), the fee for that player would be \$50. If the above-mentioned Past-Resident no longer has Parent/ Parents residing in Pelham, the fee for that player is \$100. Each non-Resident (Past Resident) must present a current valid (photo I.D.) driver's license and if necessary parent's information requested.
4. Non-Resident
 

Each team is permitted to have two Non-Residents. The team is charged a fee of \$100 for each Non-Resident it has on its roster. Each Non-Resident must present a current valid (Photo I.D.) Driver's License. The deletion and addition from the original roster of any Non-Resident will not be permitted during the season. A Non-Resident may be added to the team roster prior to July 1, 2017 provided that the total of two Non-Residents is not exceeded. In order to add a Non-Resident to your roster the fee of \$100, Photo I.D. (Driver's License) and Signed Hold Harmless must be delivered to the Recreation Office 24 hours prior to game time. Additions cannot be submitted to umpires or recreation personnel at the field.
5. The team manager/coach must submit, with the team roster, a completed and signed hold harmless form along with the above required proof (showing Pelham residency) for all players on their respective team that are playing as Pelham residents, and for Non-Residents a photocopy of a current valid photo I.D. Driver's License along with \$100 fee per Non-Resident.
6. When a roster is submitted, a minimum of fifteen (15) players is required, complete with ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS!
7. All rosters will be frozen on **JULY 1, 2018 for a player to be eligible for playoffs.**
8. Roster changes will only be accepted at the Recreation Department. Changes may **NOT** be submitted to umpires or Recreation personnel at the field.
9. If a player's name appears on more than one (1) roster, he must complete the season with the team with which he plays his first game.
10. Once a player is listed on a team roster, that person may **not** play or coach with another team.
11. A player cannot change to another team in the league without a release from the manager and permission from the supervisor in the Recreation Department in charge of the league.
12. High school boys graduating in June who are eligible for the league **MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.**
13. Players who move from Pelham during the softball season will remain eligible to finish the season.
14. Teams using ineligible players will be subject to having their game/games forfeited. The Recreation Department will make the determination regarding all questions of eligibility and forfeits.
15. The Recreation Department reserves the right to disqualify teams violating eligibility rules from further competition. Entry fee will **NOT** be refunded.

### **III. UNIFORMS**

1. Each player must wear rubber cleats, sneakers or soft-soled street shoes. No **METAL** spike baseball shoes, football cleats, track spikes or hard-soled shoes can be worn. **NOTE:** A player will not be permitted to participate bare-footed.
2. All players must wear a team shirt **UNIFORM IN COLOR & DESIGN** with the team's name inscribed on it and must be: 1. Full length. 2. With either short or three-quarter sleeves (**NO CUT-OFF SLEEVES.**) 3. Team name on front. Managers should carry extra shirts to the site of the game in the event they need to be provided. A player may not participate in a game without a uniform shirt even if it means forfeiture of the game.
3. Teams may wear long or short pants providing the shorts are recognized as official softball pants (shorts). Example: Hemmed casual shorts, coaching or football shorts.

### **IV. RULES**

The 2018 Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) Rules, including the Extra-Hitter and Re-Entry Rules will be used with the Pelham Recreation Department modifications outlined in this document.

### **V. PROTESTS (EXCEPT INELIGIBLE PLAYERS)**

All protests must be filed, **IN WRITING**, with the Recreation Department office within **TWENTY-FOUR (24)** hours following the game. Protests may be filed only on rule interpretation. **JUDGEMENT CALLS MAY NOT BE PROTESTED.**

**PROTEST PROCEDURE:** 1. Protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that game is being played under protest. The plate umpire shall in turn notify the opposing manager and scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest. The score sheet is marked accordingly and signed by umpire. 2. The facts for protesting must be in writing as described.

3. Enclose a twenty five dollar (\$25) fee. Make check payable to **PELHAM RECREATION.**

4. Deliver within 24 hours to the Pelham Recreation Department, Richard J. Daronco Town House, 20 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. 5. The Protest Committee decision is final and not subject to appeal.

### **VI. AWARDS**

- a. T-shirts (15) and 1 Team Trophy will be awarded to the winning team in each league.
- b. T-shirts (15) and 1 Team Trophy will be awarded to the winning playoff team in each league.

### **VII. FORFEITED GAMES**

Any team is dropped from the league after (2) forfeited games or when they have not paid the required additional forfeit fee prior to the next scheduled game.

### **VIII. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Recreation Department will be the sole judge of playing condition of the field and will make the decision of the games to be played or cancelled up to 4PM. On days when there is a question concerning the weather, managers should contact the Recreation Department at 738-0153 between 3:30PM-4PM (**NO EARLIER**). **AFTER 4PM**, call for cancellation information left on the Pelham Recreation Hot Line- 738-6644.

### **IX. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS**

**MANAGERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING RULES WITH THEIR PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON:**

1. The Recreation Department has the power to forfeit games or drop a team from the league if any of the rules are violated. Entry fees will not be refunded. They may also expel or suspend a person/or persons that in their judgment is/are detrimental to the league because of unsportsmanlike or other conduct.

On the field, the umpire has complete control of the game. The Umpire shall have the right to eject a ballplayer, coach or abusive spectator from the field, as well as the park, should such action be necessary to maintain order.

2. Should the offending person refuse to leave the field or park within three minutes, his team will risk a forfeit declared by the umpire and upheld by the Recreation Department. For all intents, both teams are considered HOME TEAMS in the matter of crowd control.
3. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Any person ejected from a game for the following infractions will receive the following game(s) suspensions:
  - A. **UN-SPORTSMAN-LIKE CONDUCT** (abusive language, throwing of equipment, use of illegal equipment or bats, etc.) will not be tolerated. Any player/manager guilty of conducting himself in such a manner detrimental to the general welfare and safety of the league participants and officials will be suspended for two (2) games.
  - B. **FIGHTING** Any person ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended five (5) games.
  - C. **PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS DURING / AFTER COMPETITION / LEAVING SITE OF GAME.** If a player, coach or manager strikes (punches/pushes), or physically harms an umpire, he will automatically be ejected from the game and suspended two (2) years from all Recreation sponsored activities. Reinstatement must come from the Recreation Commission.

A second offense of **A** or **B** will automatically double the suspension and result in an immediate review of the person's further participation. A second offense of **C** will automatically bar a person forever from participating in any Recreation Department sponsored activities.

**NOTE:** Decisions on the above may not be appealed. A suspended player will not be permitted to play until the Pelham Recreation Department has reviewed the complaint and renders a decision.

If a past-resident, non-resident or coach (non-resident) or (non-resident) employee, Town of Pelham, Villages of Pelham or Pelham Manor, is ejected for an infraction under IX.-4.-A & B he/they will not be permitted to play for the rest of the season.

4. When a defensive player has the ball, or is about to catch the ball, and the runner remaining on his feet, deliberately crashes into the defensive player the runner is out and the ball is dead. If the act is determined flagrant, the offender shall be ejected, (See Code of Conduct 4-A).

## **X. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Officials will be assigned by the Recreation Department.
2. The home team will be responsible for keeping the official scorebook and returning these records to the umpires at the conclusion of the game. Player's name (first and last) **must** appear on roster – **NO NICKNAMES PLEASE.**
3. The Pelham Recreation Department has final authority in determining to accept or not accept any team for league competition. Make check for \$1,150.00 payable to PELHAM RECREATION.

**Entry Fee** - \$1,000

**Forfeit Fee** - \$150 per team (is refundable)

Forfeiting teams will be charged \$75 for the first forfeited game—a \$75 fee is assessed for the second FORFEIT. Prior to the next scheduled game after the second forfeit the team must deliver check or cash in the amount of \$200 to cover the possibility of a third forfeit. Each forfeit after the second forfeit will be assessed a \$200 forfeit fee (Refundable).

4. Unplayable Fields – Red flags indicate a closed field either due to inclement weather or any other condition. The PMHS Field Maintenance Supervisor or Recreation will make that decision and it will be honored by all users of the fields. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

## **XI. RULES OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR SLOW-PITCH**

1. **TWELVE (12) RUN RULE:** The rule will be in effect for all games after 4-1/2 innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team scores the 12<sup>th</sup> run while at bat in the fifth inning. The visiting team reaches the limit in the fifth inning, the home team must have their opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning.
2. **RE-ENTRY RULE:** Any of the starting players may be substituted for one time during the game and return, provided he returns to the same place in the batting order. The substituted player is out of the game when the original player returns to the game and may not re-enter.
3. **BATS:** The Pelham Recreation department will supply bats at each field – only these bats will be used during the games. **NO PERSONAL BATS ARE ALLOWED.** Any player using a non-issued Pelham Recreation Bat will be called out and be ejected from games (unsportsmanlike conduct) see code of conduct 4A:
4. **APPEAL RULE:** Any infielder wishing to make an appeal play after a dead ball, (the infielder) must state to an umpire the runner and the base being appealed. An actual play is not required and the ball remains dead during the appeal process.
5. **ELEVENTH BATTER RULE:** The eleventh batter rule permits all teams to have an extra batter in the lineup. He is also permitted to switch any fielding position with any other player on the field, but must always remain in the same position in the batting order. He also becomes eligible in the **RE-ENTRY RULE** GIVING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE THE GAME ONCE, AND THEN RETURN TO HIS REGULAR BATTING POSITION. The eleventh batter may also be added, provided he arrives before one (1) completed rotation of the batting order.
6. **COURTESY RUNNERS:** are allowed from **FIRST BASE ONLY**. Each team is allowed maximum of two replacement runners and they shall be the last out of the inning being played. If there are no outs in the inning, revert back to the last out of the previous inning. Courtesy privileges are to be requested by each runner as necessary. Once the request is granted, that runner must be replaced each time after reaching first base only. A request on runners can be denied at any time by the opposing manager. It is not an umpire's decision to grant a courtesy runner.
7. Batters will start with a 1-ball 1-strike count and batter is out on 3<sup>rd</sup> strike foul ball.

## **XII. INSURANCE**

The Town of Pelham Recreation Department does not carry insurance to cover injuries that occur to individual players in recreational athletic leagues. It is highly recommended that teams obtain their own personal injury insurance prior to the start of league play to cover their players in the event of injury. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM MANAGER TO NOTIFY HIS PLAYERS REGARDING THIS MATTER.**

**ALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND COACHES MUST SIGN A HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON OR THEIR FIRST GAME.**

**NOTE: MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR TEAM AND ALSO THEIR SPECTATORS.**

**NO SMOKING, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR PETS ARE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.**

**EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DUGOUT AREA. IF YOU BRING SOMETHING TO THE FIELD (FOOD OR DRINKS) EITHER TAKE IT WITH YOU OR PLACE IN TRASH BASKETS. PLEASE KEEP OUR FIELDS CLEAN. Parking of all vehicles in parking lots or adjacent roadways or on grounds at Glover complex is at owners'/drivers' risk. The Town of Pelham, Pelham Recreation Department or Pelham Union Free School District is not responsible for any damage to vehicle.**