



OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

All decisions made by park Staff are final.

- 1) Players
 - A. 4 players on a team
 - B. Teams may not substitute or replace players on the roster once the tournament begins.
- 2) At Bat Positions: Bat from home marked. Teammate pitches from anywhere in front of Line A or its extensions.
- 3) Fielding Positions:
 - A. Fielders may play anywhere past Line A
 - B. Fielders may not cross line A in order to make a play on a ball.
- 4) Hits: Players get one pitch to make a hit, all four players will bat each inning until they make an out.
 - A. Any ball hit past Line A to fair play without being caught or fielded is considered a hit.
 - B. Ball hit into fair territory on the fly without being caught by fielders.
 - C. Any ball touched and dropped by fielders.
 - D. Fielder crossing Line A or its extensions when attempting to catch ball.
- 5) Home Runs: Any ball hit past last players in fair territory, ON THE FLY, without being touched. (Not necessarily over head – just pass the player).
- 6) Outs:
 - A. Foul Balls – Any ball hit outside of the lines, out of fair play.
 - B. Any Strike
 - C. Any ball caught or fielded by the fielders.
 - D. Batting out of turn.

7) Crossing Over “The Line”

- A. At no time may players cross from one side of “The Line” or its extensions to the other when catching or attempting to catch a hit ball.
- B. To avoid penalty, you must make a definite stop before crossing the line.
- C. If you catch the ball and your momentum carries you into or across the line, it is a penalty, and the batter gets the hit (SEE RULE D)

8) Scoring:

- A. Four hits in an inning scores one run. Each additional hit in the same inning scores an additional run.
- B. Home Runs clear the bases and scores a run for each player on base.

9) Length of Game

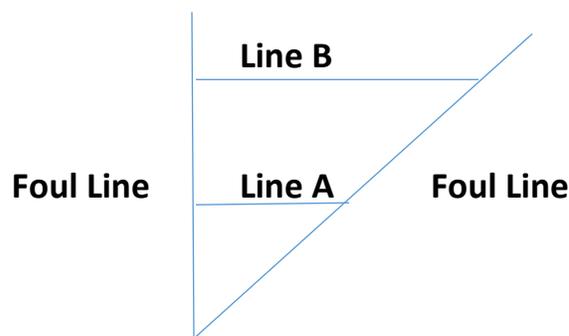
- A. Games are 3 innings with a 30-minute time limit.
- B. Semifinal and final games will be 4 innings.
- C. There are no grace periods for any game, teams that do not show at the field at the start of the match will forfeit the game.
- D. Games may be shortened or canceled by park staff as necessary.

10) Equipment

- A. Baseball gloves may be used by fielding players.
- B. Batting gloves may be used to bat only.
- C. All bats must be regulation official metal or wooden bats. On painted bats we must be able to read the “official on the bat or the bat may be disallowed.
- D. Any bat ruled to be ineligible by park staff will be removed from play for the remainder of the tournament. A bat deemed illegal which is used in a subsequent game by the team or the player will disqualify the player and/or team from the tournament.

11) Field Dimensions

- A. Home Plate is the starting point. Field will use the left side of the infield for play.
- B. Third base foul line & home thru second base foul line
- C. Line A is at 60 feet on a straight line from third base to second base.
- D. Line B is 80 ft. from third base line to 115ft @ second base line.



12) Team Names

- A. No Inappropriate or offensive or team names permitted. Park staff will be the final determination on the appropriateness of team names.

13) Code of Conduct

- A. No swearing, foul language or cussing of any kind. The City of Artesia strives to have a friendly inviting and family atmosphere. There are always children at the park watching the games. Please be responsible enough to remember where you are and who is around when playing your games. Umpires/Staff will warn players once against foul language, but if the offense is repeated, players may be removed from the competition and games will be forfeited.

RESPECT THE UMPIRES AND OTHER PLAYERS – Any player berating, abusing, and antagonizing the umpires or other players during or after games will be removed from the competition and the team will forfeit any remaining games. Every game is monitored by umpires and park staff and any disrespectful behavior seen being aimed at umpires/staff and players will be acted upon with immediate removal and forfeiture of games.