

Greater Severna Park Church Softball League 15 April 2015

This is an interdenominational faith league with two purposes; to have **fun** and **fellowship**. If any individual thinks that they are playing for any other reason, they should not be playing in this league. It is okay to have disagreements, but they should be discussed in a respectful like manner. If any individual thinks they will get upset if the umpire makes a bad call (even if it is a really bad call), they should not be playing in this league. If any individual thinks they are playing to win at any cost, they should not be playing in this league. If any individual thinks they need to play aggressively against unskilled players they should not be playing in this league. If any individual thinks they need to use foul language to express their emotions in front of or to any other players (opponents or teammates), they should not be playing in this league. Again, this is an interdenominational faith league with two purposes; to have **fun and fellowship**.

Severna Park UMC Game Schedule.

WEEK	TEAM	TIME	FIELD
May 3	Woods Memorial #1	2:00 PM	Elvaton #1
May 10	No Game		
May 17	Pasadena United Methodist	2:00 PM	Cypress #1
May 24	No Game		
May 31	South Shore Baptist	2:00 PM	Elvaton #1
June 7	Bye (No Game)		
June 14	College Parkway Baptist	2:00 PM	Mago Vista Park
June 21	St. Andrews	2:00 PM	Cypress #1
June 28	Saint John's	2:00 PM	Cypress #1
July 5	No Game		
July 12	Emanuel Lutheran	2:00 PM	Cypress #1
July 19	Gloria Dei Lutheran	2:00 PM	Mago Vista Park
July 26	Broadneck EP	2:00 PM	Cypress #2
Aug 2	Christ Lutheran	2:00 PM	Elvaton #1
Aug 9	Woods Memorial #2	2:00 PM	Cypress #1
Aug 16	Make-ups		

2015 RULES

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1. An opening game prayer will be offered by the home team at home plate.
2. If a player uses foul or abusive language, directed at another player or an official, that player will be disqualified from the game. That player must leave the field immediately, or his/her team will forfeit. Incidental profanity, not directed at another person, will result in one warning. The second offense will result in disqualification from the game. Coaches are responsible for enforcing this rule and for the sportsmanship/conduct of the team/players.
3. The home team provides the bases.
4. The away team must provide the game ball (any mutually agreed to ball). *Option: A Women's size ball may be used when the Women are at bat.*
5. The batting team supplies the umpire(s).
6. The game is seven (7) innings long.
7. The pitcher's mound should be 45 to 48 feet from the back tip of the home plate.
8. Players must be 16 years of age or older in the calendar year of the season.
9. Everyone must play in the field, and must be in the batting order all innings.
10. A team must field eight (8) players at game time.
11. One run is awarded for each woman in the batting order at game time.
12. No spikes allowed (only rubber cleats).
13. Pitches must have a six (6) to twelve (12) foot arc from point of release (otherwise "ball" is called by the umpire).
14. If the batter fouls on the third strike he or she is out.
15. Throwing the bat is not permitted. After one (1) warning the batter is out.
16. Stealing is not allowed.
17. The base runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit by the batter. Leaving the base before the ball crosses the plate or contact is made will result in a team warning. Only one warning will be given. After that, the runner is out.
18. Sliding is allowed.
19. If a runner deliberately knocks down a defensive player attempting to reach a base, the runner is automatically out.
20. Three outfielders must be at least fifty (50) feet back from the base line at all times. None of the four outfielders can come in beyond the base line. No infielder may be closer than the pitcher.
21. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the playing area.
22. Fielding positions are fixed (barring injury) by where the fielder is when he/she first takes the field on any inning, excluding one pitcher change per inning. Short fielder can change to outfielder and back again as needed. Defensive substitutions are not allowed except in case of injury.
23. Rain dates are to be made up at the discretion of the coaches involved. Make-up games can be scheduled as a double header. Scheduling must be done by the coaches and coordinated with the scheduler.
24. All games start at 2:00 PM except the 2nd game on Cypress Creek Fields #1 and #2 which will start at 3:30 PM. No inning for the first game shall start after 3:30 PM.
25. The catcher is not required to tag a runner at home plate once the runner is inside a fifteen foot marker even if it is not a force play. The catcher only needs to touch home plate and the runner is out. If the runner does not cross the fifteen foot marker and there is no force, then the runner must still be tagged to be out. The fifteen foot marker is a line drawn across the base path fifteen feet from home plate.
26. Official Softball Rules apply if not otherwise stated above.