

## HYLAND HILLS SOFTBALL RULES

All rules in conformance with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the only exception being Hyland Hills rules.

1. The Athletic Supervisor has the right to eliminate any team and/or player for any reason at anytime with no refund. Hyland Hills also reserves the right to re-classify a team at any point in the season in order to maintain a fair balance of competition.
2. Game times: There will be a 10 minute grace period for the first scheduled game of the night. 5 “free” minutes then another 5 minutes of running game clock. If a team still does not have 8 players after the 10 minute grace the game will be recorded as a forfeit. For all other games that follow: Game time is forfeit time. Teams must have **8 ready to play by game time.**
3. Each team is required to keep their own score. It is also recommended that teams keep score of the opposition. Any discrepancy in scoring will favor the teams keeping score of both teams. **Home team is determined by the flip of a coin.**
4. All games will have a 55 minute time limit from the time the umpire calls “play ball”.
  - A. Complete Games: A game will be considered a complete game and no new inning started:
    - 1) At the completion of seven innings and the game is not tied.
    - 2) At the completion of 55 minutes and the game is not tied.
    - 3) **The 10 run rule is in effect after 4 ½ - 5 innings, or 45 minutes, whichever comes first. (12 Step league also has a 15 after 3 innings.)**
  - B. Extra Inning Play: All extra inning games and games tied after the time limit **will go to one pitch; you either, walk, strike out or take the result of the play no exceptions (foul ball is an out).** You will also start the first extra inning with the last player who batted in the previous inning on second base with no outs. If, after one full extra inning, the game is still tied, the last player who batted from the previous inning will start on third base with no outs.
5. If a game has to be called due to inclement weather, darkness, or any other potentially hazardous conditions, the game shall be considered complete if 5 or more innings have been played, or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.
6. **Team Rosters are due before the first game of the season**, but may be added to, up until the second game of the season for spring, the fourth game of the season for summer, and the third game of the season for fall. Rosters become frozen for the remainder of the season after those games. **Players must be at least 18 years of age. Each player must sign the roster form to be considered an eligible player.** Team rosters will kept on site at the concession stand if changes need to be made or if a player needs to sign the roster. **Players MAY NOT play for more than one team in the same league. Once the post-season tournament begins, players must remain with one team only.**
7. Although we do not require jerseys #'s, we ask that each team wear similar colored shirts/jerseys.
8. No steel cleats will be allowed in men’s, women’s, or coed softball.
9. All jewelry must be removed or covered with tape. If a player is caught wearing jewelry that is not taped the player will be called out.
10. **Illegal Bats: Hyland Hills will use the ASA non approved bat list for all leagues in 2010. Every bat used must have the 2000 ASA certification mark or the 2004 ASA certification mark and the certification mark must be identifiable by the umpire to be considered legal. (There are a few bats that have the 2000 and 2004 certification mark that are now illegal. List is posted and will be provided to each team.) If the certification mark is not visible it will be up to the umpire’s discretion on whether or not to allow the bat. Teams should visit [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) for more information concerning illegal bats. Any player caught using any of the bats on the ASA non approved bat list will be called out. If it happens a second**

**time, that player will be ejected from the ball game and the team will forfeit that game. (Umpires should check all bats prior to play.)**

11. **Absolutely no alcohol will be allowed near the fields by a player or spectator. This includes the bleacher and dug out areas. If any player or spectator violates this rule the umpire may forfeit the game and further action may be taken by the Hyland Hills athletic department.**
12. Slow pitch teams may start and finish with a minimum of eight (8) players or a maximum of twelve (12) players. Men's league teams may bat up to 12 players, Women's league teams will be able to bat an unlimited amount of players. In the event of:
  - A. **A player or coach ejection, the game will be automatically forfeited.**
  - B. **For injury reasons, team may finish with a few as eight (8) players and no out will be recorded (spot skipped) in the batting order.**
13. If a player is injured, removed from the game and NOT legally substituted for, the player CANNOT legally re-enter the game, PENALTY: Forfeit.
14. Safety Base: If the double first base is used, the batter/runner must always run through the orange base on all infield plays to first base. All other situations, runner may connect with the white bag. Penalty: Batter/runner will automatically be out if orange base is not used.
15. PLAYS AT THE PLATE: The base runner must avoid contact while running to home plate. The base runner should slide, give him/her self up, or step around the catcher. (Everybody has to work. Don't run the catcher over!) If there is significant contact at the plate caused by the base runner, the base runner will be called out. (UMPIRES DISCRETION)
16. **All leagues will play with a 1 and 1 pitch count. There will be a courtesy foul ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. The pitched ball must be delivered with noticeable arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 10 feet from the ground and cross the plate to be called a strike. (*In Women's league play the plate will be called a strike.*) (*The Twelve Step League will still use the 0-0 count with the plate being called a strike.*)**
17. Blood rule: A player/coach who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform cannot participate until he/she is treated and/or their uniform is changed. If that is accomplished in a "reasonable" time they do not have to leave the game. If needed, the last person to make an out will be the substitute for one inning only, while the person is changing or being treated. If the injured player is unable to continue and there is no legal substitute, the person is out of the game.
18. DIG-IN: Absolutely no batter is allowed to "dig-in" to the batters box. You may sweep your feet to level your hitting area only. Any hitter removing dirt with their feet by digging in will be called out immediately. This will be enforced!!
19. Swearing: Teams/players will be given a verbal warning by the umpire to clean up the language. Second offense will result in forfeit.
20. A \$30 protest fee will be charged to any team wishing to protest a game. A protest must be delivered to the Hyland Hills Athletic Supervisor in writing within 24 hours after that game. Judgment calls cannot be protested.
21. **Roster Protest: A team making a roster protest must notify the game official that they have a roster protest before the player in question bats for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. (The protest must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch to the player in question.) The player in question must produce an ID within 5 minutes and must be on the official roster and that player's signature must be on that roster to be considered a legal player. If the player in question is not on the roster or the player is on the roster but has not signed the roster, the player will be considered illegal and an out will called and that player will not be allowed to play in the game. No roster protests may be made after the team has batted through their lineup. (The clock will not stop for a roster protest.)**

22. **Ejection's: Any player who is ejected from any game must:**
- A. First leave the premises entirely
  - B. Team forfeits the game (No substitution allowed)**
  - C. Player serves an automatic 1 game suspension.**
  - D. Pay a \$50 fine to Hyland Hills to be eligible to play in any Hyland Hills Leagues. (Any team problem that leads to multiple ejections will result in a \$100 team fine). **FINE MUST BE PAID BEFORE THAT PLAYER OR TEAM CAN PLAY AGAIN!**
  - E. Teams will forfeit games if it is found that an ejected player is playing without meeting the requirements listed above.
23. All D–Rec leagues that play at the Sports Complex, Carstens and FM Day are allowed (1) homerun hitter. All D-Comp leagues that play at the Sports Complex, Carstens and FM Day are allowed (2) homerun hitters. The home run hitter/hitters are determined by being the first batter to hit the ball out of the yard. (For D-comp the first two.) If the homerun hitter does anything other than hit a homerun during his next at bat; the position/designation is reopened to any other player. (Automatic out will result to any player other than the homerun hitter that hits a homerun.)
24. **Forfeits – If a team forfeits more than one game, that team will not be eligible for any league awards or be allowed to play in the post- season tournament.**
25. Umpires: All players, managers and spectators will treat the umpires with respect. Any person/team that threatens or displays aggressive behavior towards an umpire will be disqualified from Hyland Hills and legal action may be taken.
26. Elastic Power: The Athletic Supervisor and or Field Supervisor shall have complete charge of all situations not covered in the rules. Rules shall be acted upon by the supervisor, and all decisions are FINAL.

#### CO-REC

1. No restrictions on batting stance for men or women.
2. Teams must start and finish with a minimum of eight players. There must be an equal number of males and females in the defensive positions at all times not to exceed ten (10). No restrictions to which positions they play. You may bat as many players as you wish. Batting order must alternate male and female. (A team is allowed to play with more females than males). If a female is injured and cannot be substituted for, a male must also leave the field to maintain the equal number of males and females in the field. The male may still bat. (See rule below.)
3. **A team may bat more males than females but must take an out in the spot where the female should be batting. The extra male may only bat at the end of the lineup. (Team has 6 men and 5 women. The 10<sup>th</sup> batter is female, the 11<sup>th</sup> batter is male, and the 1<sup>st</sup> batter is male. The team batting must take an out between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> batter in the lineup.) This also applies with teams with 5 males – 4 females. Teams may only bat up to 1 extra male.**
4. Outfield Arch Rule: All four outfielders must remain behind the 175' line until the ball is hit. If there is not a line, outfielders must be 20 feet beyond the grass/infield separation. Penalty: If an outfielder crosses the arch, a delayed dead ball shall be signaled. The offense shall have the option of taking the result of the play or awarding batter (FIRST BASE).
5. If a male player is walked, he will immediately advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. The following female batter has the option of batting, or advancing to 1<sup>st</sup> base until time she enters the batters box.
6. Male Dominance: No male shall be allowed to take away a female's play/position during a live ball. Example: Male pitcher may not take the female catchers position on a throw a home plate. Male center fielder may not catch a female left fielders fly ball. Umpires will allow everyone to be safe if this occurs. (UMPIRES JUDGEMENT)

## 12 Step Rules:

- 1) **0 – 0 pitch count with the plate being called a strike.**
- 2) **Teams must play a minimum of three (3) females.**
- 3) **Women’s ball will be used when a female is at bat. The normal size ball will be used when there is a male batter.**
- 4) **Numbers must be worn by all players.**
- 5) **Players must follow the 12 step program code of conduct.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**ATHLETIC INFORMATION AND WEATHER LINE: 303-650-7551**  
**HYLAND HILLS WEBSITE – [www.hylandhills.org](http://www.hylandhills.org)**

This number is for all managers participating in Hyland Hills adult leagues. The line will provide you with information concerning Athletics: Cancellations, make-up days and times, tournament information and anything else important relating to your sport. It is the TEAMS/MANAGERS RESPONSIBILTIY to call and get make-up days and times, tournament information and anything else important relating to your sport. Teams will not be called by Hyland Hills on an individual basis.

THE RECORDING WILL BE UPDATED AS FOLLOWS:

1. If you’re calling the day of your game, the recording will be updated by 4:30 p.m. If there is no message, then all games are on as scheduled.
2. Games will be made up in this order of priority:
  - A) The next week you play, on that night if possible (Double-Header)
  - B) On Sunday’s during the day at the Sports Complex (8600 Zuni)
  - C) Any other available day.

TOURNAMENTS (Summer Only)

All tournaments will be on the recorder when they need to be. If you’ve qualified or bought into a tournament, this information will be available for your team: 1<sup>st</sup> game time, dates played and location.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES:

Administration Building	3/428-7488	1800 W. 89 <sup>th</sup> Ave
Chris Robson – Athletics	3/650-7671	<a href="mailto:crobson@hylandhills.org">crobson@hylandhills.org</a>
Carstens Field		90 <sup>th</sup> & Camenisch
Sports Complex	3/650-7551	8600 Zuni
Athletic info/Weather Line	3/650-7551	
Batting Cages	3/650-7676	
Hyland Hills Web Site	<a href="http://www.hylandhills.org">www.hylandhills.org</a>	(Schedules, Standings and makeup game information will be available at this site.)

If at any time during the season you have any questions or comments about rules or umpires, please contact Chris Robson at [crobson@hylandhills.org](mailto:crobson@hylandhills.org).

Thanks for playing with Hyland Hills.  
Enjoy the season!