

## **RULES**

### **Standard Rules:**

- Only league bats may be used. If a bat is approved, must be available for both teams.
- Games are 9 innings with a starting count of 1 ball and 1 strike.
- Batters are allowed one foul regardless of count, second foul is automatic out.
- A second foul out is a dead ball, runners cannot advance whether ball is caught or not.
- If the first game starts after 9:05 AM no new inning will start after 10:15 AM.
- All players must play 4 innings minimum in the field. All players must be in batting order.
- Base runners must try to avoid contact on basepaths, any deliberate attempt to make contact will result in a called out and possible double play call. The decision of umpire is final.
- Any contact between runner and fielder at home plate without a slide will be an automatic out.
- If there is an attempt to make a play at first base, runner must touch orange part of bag first.
- No children are allowed in the playing area or dugouts for their own safety. This rule will be strictly enforced.

### **Picking up Subs:**

- If a team picks up players, they must give up two runs per player (6 runs max).
- Any team picking up three or more players must play with nine players.
- If a team picks up any players in playoff games, they must play with a max of nine players.
- Teams must bat their own players first.
- Any player who gets picked up must be replaced as soon as the team's players arrive.
  - Teams may elect to keep picked up player in as a DH until team has 11 of their own players.

### **Mercy Rule:**

- The mercy rule is 12 or more runs after 8 innings.
- Flip/Flop Rule becomes invoked if home team is losing by 12 or more runs at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.

### **Flip-Flop Run Rule:**

- At the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, if the home team is losing by 12 or more runs this constitutes a team flip.
- The home team will become the visiting team and vice versa. The visiting team will remain on the field.
- The home team will now bat in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. If enough runs are scored to get out of mercy, the game will continue, otherwise, the game is over.
- If the game continues, the visiting team will now bat bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. If the visiting team scores enough runs to cause mercy, the game is over. No 9<sup>th</sup> inning is played.

### **Sportsmanship:**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- First violation = player will receive a warning from the umpire.
- Second violation = player will be ejected from game and suspended for one game.
- Any flagrant violations will result in immediate ejection and additional one game suspension.

# UPTON MEN'S FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## 2023 SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Game 1 9:00 AM	Game 2 10:30 AM	Game 3 11:45 AM
(1) Sept 10th	1 v 4	2 v 3	
(2) Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	3 v 1	4 v 2	
(3) Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	2 v 1	3 v 4	
(4) Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 v 4	1 v 2	
(5) Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 v 1	2 v 3	
(6) Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 v 4	1 v 2	
(7) Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 v 2	3 v 1	
(8) Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	2 v 3	1 v 4	

### Playoff Week (Single Elimination)

(9) Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	(1) 1 <sup>st</sup> Seed v 4 <sup>th</sup> Seed	(2) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seed v 3 <sup>rd</sup> Seed	(3) W1 v W2
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Team	Color	Coach	Phone Number
1	Army	Craig Montville	(508) 439-0358
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