

TAYBS

TOWNSEND ASHBY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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2025 Players Meeting Adult Softball



Goal of the League



- This league is designed for people of all ages, genders and skillsets to go out and have fun time together.
- This league is not designed for high end competition.
- We have rules in place to try to minimize strong players impact on the overall outcome of the game. (home run limits, dead balls, low impact bats).
- We want everyone to be able to come out and hit the ball and have fun playing.
- Win/loss records during the season do not impact the end of season tournament. This is to ensure games are not battles to the death as well as allows us to use substitutes from other teams.
- Raise some money for our youth programs. Registration fees, and purchases at the snack shack all go back into our kids' programs to keep our youth programs affordable and to improve our facilities.

Team Names & Captains



- Each team has been designated a color by the league.
- The team should decide together what name they want to be known as.
- Team names must be appropriate. They can be suggestively inappropriate.
- Remember that kids will be present and will cheer the team's name.
- Each team needs to select a “Player Captain”. This is the person who coordinates the roster/lineup and looks for substitute players.
- The team's player captain will have special permissions on the TAYBS site to be able to schedule practices/book fields.

Attendance



- If you are unable to attend, you must tell your Player Captain as soon as possible so that they can find a substitute player for you.
- You must state in the Crossbar App if you are attending or not. If you do not respond, the captain will have to assume you are not attending and will find a substitute. You will not be eligible to play if a substitute was found for you because you did not respond, and then you just show up.
- You must have play 4 weeks of games in order to be eligible to participate in the end of season tournament. Substituting for another team does count towards this requirement.
- If you do not show up 4 weeks in a row for your own team, you will be considered withdrawn from the league.

Substitute Players



- If a team needs a substitute player, the order of selection is –
 - A player on the official substitute player list
 - A player on another team who is not on the substitute player list.
 - A non-rostered adult who is at least 23 years old.
 - The league director can make rare exceptions if needed.
- A player's primary responsibility is to their own team. You should not be substituting for another team and then skipping your own game. Exceptions can be allowed, but they must be approved by the league director in advance.
- A non-rostered person who is substituting must sign a waiver at the field and must confirm that they read and understand our rules.
- If using substitutes, a team cannot have more than 10 players.
- If a rostered player arrives late, they should take the spot of the substitute.

Equipment



- The league provides all the bats & balls for use in our games.
- Do not bring your own balls to the field, these get mixed in with our balls and end up being moonshot to 119 when they are hit.
- The balls we use are specifically designed as “dead balls”. This keeps more balls inside the field.

NO DOGS OR SMOKING



- There are NO DOGS allowed at any of our facilities.
- There are NO EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS allowed any of our facilities.
- Stated licensed and trained/certified guide dogs that are performing an act on behalf of a disabled person are the only exception. You must have your state license and training certificate on hand, and the animal must be wearing a certification vest. No license or No training certificate – NO ADMITTANCE – we will check, and you will be told to leave.
- There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the grounds of our facilities. This includes the parking lot and the woods.
- Violation of these rules will be a stoppage to any games, and games will not be allowed to resume until the action has been corrected.
- Make sure you tell any visitors you have coming to watch of the rules.
- *We do have a single exception that is allowed, and that is Townsend Canine Police Officer Ruby. One of Ruby's core missions is community engagement, and we welcome her to visit our fields and visit with our families anytime.*



Practices



- Teams are allowed and encouraged to schedule practices.
- The teams “player captain” has the permissions on the TAYBS site to book a field and email team.
- You can use any of our fields for practices, Craven or Spaulding Fields.
- Fields must be booked to have a practice, please do not just show up at a field.
- When you are done with your practice – you **MUST** cleanup the field. This means raking and dragging the field.
- Leave the field in better condition than when you arrived.
- Do not use Game Saver/Quick Dry for practices. Either use a dry area of the field or reschedule to another time.

Batting Cage



- At Craven Field we have a batting cage available for all players to use.
- You do not have to book the batting cage; it can be used most anytime.
- Do not use the batting cage when there is a game/practice going on.
- There is no pitching machine in the batting cage, however there is power, so you can bring your own if you like.
- ***Make sure you close the batting cage gate when you are finished. If not, it becomes a litter box for wildlife 😞***

Snack Shack



- You are required to work in the snack shack for 2 game during the season.
- There was a buyout option that if you selected, you do not need to pick any slots.
- If you do not show up for your shift you will be charged \$75
- If you show up 15 minutes late for your shift you will be charged \$25
- If you cannot make a shift, **it is your responsibility** to find a replacement. **Do not call the league** saying you cannot work your shift.
- Official policy that you agreed to when signing up - <https://www.taybs.org/parent-resources/volunteer-hours-policy/35082>

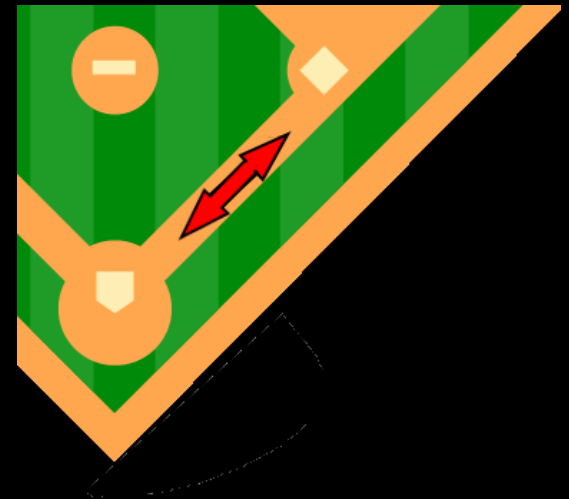
Game Cancellations



- Games WILL be played in the rain.
- Games WILL be played on brutally HOT and freezing COLD days – dress appropriately.
- Unless there is a major event (hurricane, nor'easter, etc.), games will NOT be cancelled more than 2 hours before the scheduled start of a game.
- The league will make all determinations if a game is to be cancelled and will update the website and send email.

Post Game Cleanup

- At the end of EVERY practice and game. The field MUST be cleaned.
- When you drag/rake, make sure you go to the grass line.
- When raking the base paths, go up and down the path, not side to side. (this avoids the large lips of the sides of the base paths).
- NEVER push dirt onto the grass.
- Make sure the dugouts are clean after your game.
- Empty the trash barrels from the dugouts into the dumpster.
- Empty the trash barrels from the snack shack into the dumpster.
- Cleanup the trash around the bleachers. These are your spectators, please cleanup after them.
- If there is a game immediately after yours, please do not erase the chalk line with the rakes. Please do your best to clean around the chalk without pushing the dirt into the grass.



Umpires

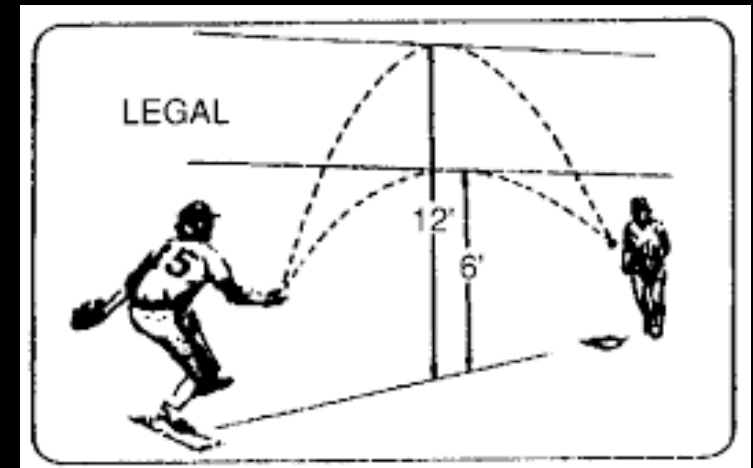


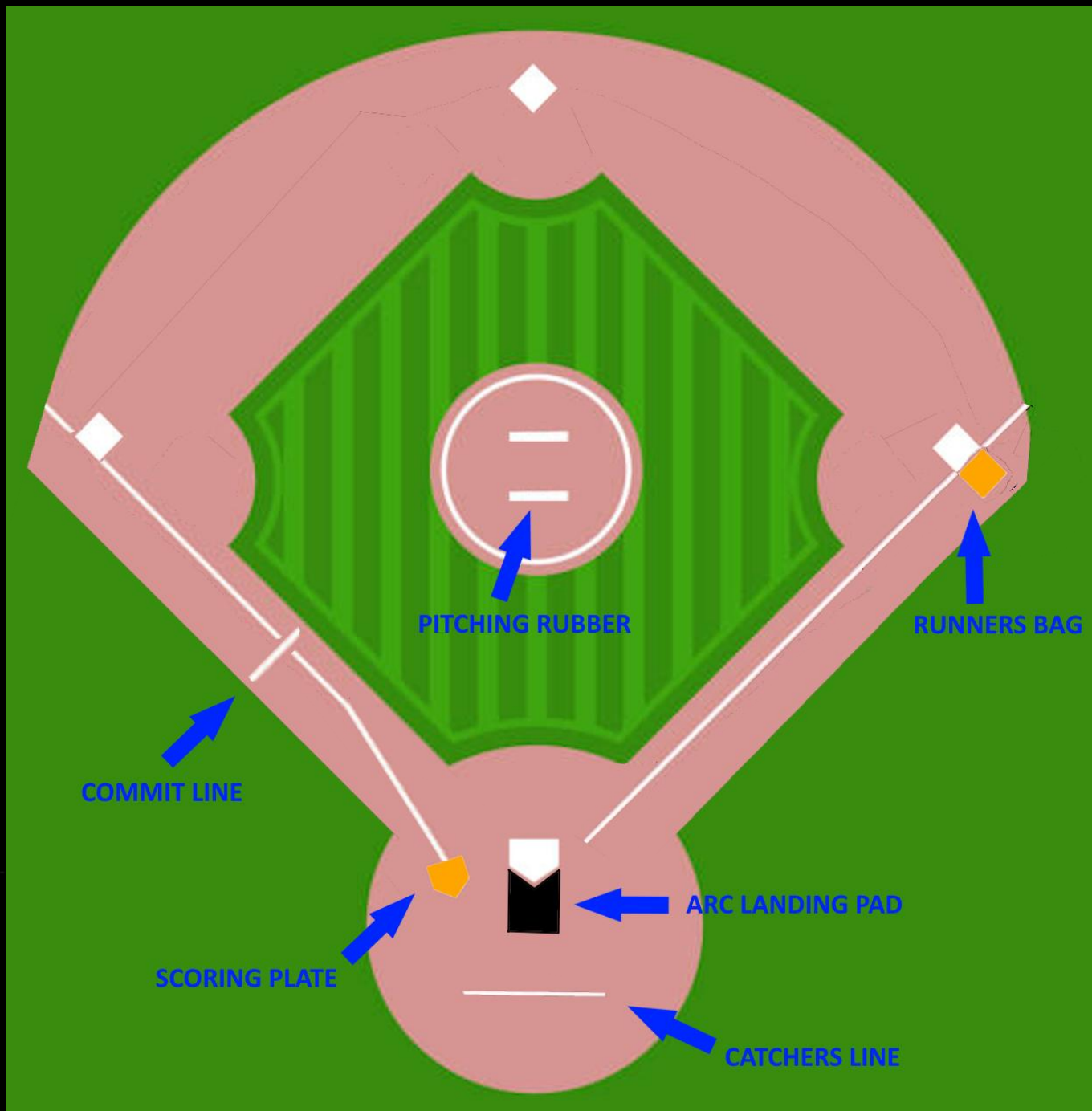
- Regular Season – *There are no official umpires*
 - 1st Base Coach – Makes calls at Home and First Base
 - 3rd Base Coach – Makes calls at Second and Third Bases
 - Catcher – Makes all fair/foul calls. Must be loud and quick. ONLY the catcher makes the fair/foul determination.
- If the offensive team does not put out a base coach, then the baseman covering the bag will make the call. You will likely be unhappy with their call, so make sure you get your base coaches out there 😊
- End of Season Tournament
 - Mike LeClair our leagues Umpire in Chief will be the official umpire for the entire tournament. Right or wrong, his word is final – no protests are allowed – no exceptions will be made.

Pitching



- Pitching distance is 46' – the rubber closest to home plate.
- Pitchers must start from the rubber. Pitchers are not permitted to step forward and pitch closer than the 46'.
- **Pitchers must try to use a standard slow pitch softball arc. This means throwing a pitch with an arc between 6 and 12 feet.**
- Pitching should **not** be used as a method to win a game. Pitchers should not be putting “spin”, “backspin” or throwing “knuckle balls” on pitches. The goal is to provide hittable pitches that can be put into play.
- If your pitcher cannot get the ball consistently over the plate, please pull them. Games with good pitching are usually done in about an hour, games with bad pitching can take upwards of 2+ hours.





Captains Info



- It is your responsibility to make sure you have enough players to play each week. If players cannot make a game, you should start calling the people on the substitute player list as soon as you know.
- It is up to you to make the lineup each week.
- **At the end of every game, you MUST text me a picture of your lineup sheet with the score on it. This is for both the team that won and the team that lost. This is how we track player attendance and tournament eligibility.**
- We look to you to make sure your team understands and follows the rules.
- We look to you to make sure your team understand that this is a fun league and that the games each week do not matter.
- On Sunday night, September 28th at 8pm, there will be a short zoom meeting to determine the tournament seeding. If you are not able to attend yourself, you MUST make sure you send a delegate.

End of Season Tournament



- Two-day tournament on October 25th & October 26th.
- Season records DO NOT determine seeding.
- Games are full 7 innings, but have a time limit, with score rollback.
- Teams must have at least 8 rostered players to play.
 - If at any point, and for any reason, after the start of a tournament game, a team drops to below the 8 rostered players/2 rostered female minimum, in lieu of a complete forfeit, the team will only have 2 outs in each inning, and any remaining home runs will be considered used.
- Players must have played a minimum of 4 weeks to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- On September 28th, all player captains (or a team delegate) will have a zoom meeting to vote on the seeding of teams based on perceived strength.
- The tournament schedule will be released on September 29th.

Safety Information



- Each team will have a medical kit hanging on your dugout fence when you arrive, loaded with ice packs and some band aids.
- Single use Tylenol & Advil are available for purchase at the Snack Shack.
- The snack shack has a fully loaded medical kit, containing; Band-Aids, sterile gauze, sterile cling, rubber gloves, medical tape, a tourniquet, emergency blanket, ice packs, a flexible splint, and a compression bandage.
- The snack shack has an AED device. This can be used in the case of an emergency.
- Any questions on safety, medical devices or kits, please contact the TAYBS Safety Officer, Jessica Fellows at 978-852-0311.





STRETCH!!!!

Save yourself a trip to the emergency room!





WEBSITE AND RULES WALKTHROUGH





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