

2014 LEAUGE RULES
NO COOLERS ALLOWED
NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES NO FAST FOOD

1. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO BRING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND INTO THE COMPLEX. THIS INCLUDES BOTH PARKING LOTS. THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT, DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN.ABSOLUTELY NO COOLERS!!!!
2. IOWA'S SMOKING BAN IS IN EFFECT. THERE ARE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS. PLEASE USE THEM. THERE IS NO SMOKING IN, ON OR AROUND THE BLEACHERS, DUGOUTS, EITHER SHELTER OR THE CONCESSION BUILDING. WHEREVER THERE IS SEATING YOU CANNOT SMOKE.
3. ZERO TOLERANCE RULE: FIGHTING-PLAYERS/COACHES INVOLVED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.IF YOU ARE SUSPENDED YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK. CAUSE INJURY TO A GAME OFFICIAL, OTHER MEMBER OR FAN-LIFETIME SUSPENSION FROM OUR PROGRAM AND ALL CITY REC. PROGRAMS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
BOTTOM LINE PROMOTE FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP, WE WILL BE COMPLETELY INTOLERANT OF NEGATIVE AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIORAND SPECTATORS ALIKE!!!!
4. A PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, OR SPONSOR IN ANY LEAGUE EJECTED FROM A GAME WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SUSPENDED FOR THAT GAME AND 2 MORE LEAGUE GAMES. THE SUSPENSION IS SERVED FOR THE NIGHT YOU ARE EJECTED. DURING YOUR SUSPENSION YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK, IF YOU ARE CAUGHT YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND THE DEPUTIES ON DUTY WILL ESCORT YOU OUT.
5. ONLY COACHES AND MANGERS CAN CONFER WITH THE UMPIRE, MAKE SURE YOUR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS UNDERTSTAND ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO RUSH AN UMPIRE, OR CAUSE A SCENE THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE GAME, THEYWILLBE ORDERED FROM THE GAME AND THE PARK.
6. PROFANITY RULE: THE UMPIRE WILL GIVE ONLY 1 WARNING AT THE TIME OF THE FLIP FOR PROFANITY, IF YOU ARE EJECTED FOR PROFANITY, YOU ARE DONE FOR THE REMANIDER OF THE NIGHT AND MUST LEAVE THE PARK. IF THE UMPIRE AND FANS CAN'T HEAR YOU HE CAN'T KICK YOU OUT!!!
7. RETURN CHECK POLICY: ANY INDIVIDUAL WRITING A BAD CHECK MUST MAKE IT GOOD IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTIFICATION OR HE/SHE Will BE SUSPENDED FROM THE PROGRAM UNTIL IT IS MADE GOOD.ANY TEAM OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT TEAM, WRITING A CHECK TO COVER SOME TYPE OF PAYMENT FOR THE TEAM AND IT IS RETURNED NSF OR ACCT. CLOSED, THE ENTIRE TEAM IS NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY

UNTIL THE CHECK IS MADE GOOD. A \$35.00 SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

8. INCLIMATE WEATHER: CHECK THE WEBSITE-
WWW.FLOYDSOFTBALL.COM, LISTEN TO THE RADIO, OR CALL THE OFFICE FOR A MESSAGE AT 279-0248, THESE MESSAGES WILL NOT BE RETURNED. GAME CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL 4:00 P.M. IF RAIN OCCURS WHEN THE GAMES ARE ALREADY BEING PLAYED THE UMPIRE WILL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE CONDITIONS OF THE FIELD AND WEATHER RELATED ISSUES AND IF PLAY WILL CONTINUE.
9. THE FSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THE 1ST WED IN OCTOBER. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO RUN OR VOTE AT THE ELECTION. ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2500 CHAUTAUQUA DRIVE.
10. THE FSPS ORGANIZATION, ITS BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGERS OF TEAMS, SPONSORS OF TEAMS, AND THE CITY OF SIOUX CITY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EACH PERSON SHOULD CARRY SOME TYPE OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE.
11. ANYONE SUSPENDED BY THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION WILL LIKewise RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION FOR AN IDENTICAL PERIOD OF TIME, THE CITY IS TO RECIPROCATE ALL SOFTBALL ACTION.
12. PRIVATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS WILL BE RAN AS FSPS TOURNAMENTS AND LEAGUE RULES WILL APPLY.
13. NO TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FSPS SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT UNLESS THEY ARE MEMBERS OF A SANCTIONED ORGANIZATION.
14. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF MEMBERSHIP OR SPONSOR FEES AFTER APRIL 30, 2014. WHEN PLAYERS FEES ARE COLLECTED YOU ARE PAYING TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THEREFORE YOU CANNOT SUBSTITUTE SOMEONE ELSE TO PLAY FOR YOU. THEY HAVE TO PAY TO BE A MEMBER.
15. ROSTER REMINDER: ROSTER SHEETS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PLAYERS OWN HAND WRITING AND ALL ROSTER SHEETS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE MANAGER-SPONSOR FEES AND FILLED OUT ROSTERS MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE SAME TIME. NO LATER APRIL 11, 2014 ANY TEAM THAT CHANGES MANAGERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE TO ENSURE THEIR TEAM RECEIVES UPDATES. CALL THE OFFICE AT 279-0248 OR DROP THE INFORMATION INTO THE DROP BOX.
16. ANY PLAYER PARTICIPATING IN THE ADULT LEAGUE IN THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM AS OPERATED BY THE FSPS BOARD MUST BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE FSPS. THE MEMBERSHIP FEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE CORPORATION AND MAY VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
17. TO AVOID PLAYERS PLAYING WITHOUT SIGNING THE WANER AND PAYING THE MEMBESHIP FEE, THE FSPS

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ENFORCING PLAYER CHECK-IN DURING LEAGUE PLAY. ID'S WILL BE CHECKED ALONG WITH YOUR ROSTER. COACHES IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOUR PLAYERS ARE AWARE OF THIS RULE. SPOT CHECKS WILL BE DONE THROUGHTOUT THE YEAR.

18. ADD CARDS: CAN BE PUT INTO THE DROP BOX, OR IF YOU NEED TO ADD A PLAYER BEFORE YOUR GAME YOU CAN GIVE THE ADD CARD TO THE CONCESSION MANAGER (RITA). THE ADD CARD MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL WITH YOUR PLAYER FEE OR YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY. **DO NOT GIVE THEM TO THE UMPIRE.**
19. ALL PLAYERS IN THE FSPTS LEAGUE ARE ALLOWED TO BE ON ONLY 1 FSPTS MEN'S OR WOMEN'S TEAM, AND OR CO-ED TEAM AT ONE TIMKONCE A PLAYER HAS DROPPED FROM A TEAM, THAT PLAYER CANNOT RE ADD TO THAT TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.
20. PLAYERS HAVING ONCE COMPLETED THEIR LEAGUE GAMES FOR THEIR REGULAR SEASON TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY FOR ANY OTHER TEAM THAT HAS REMAINING GAMES TO PLAY (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS) IF CAUGHT THESE GAMES WILL BE FORFEITS.
21. THE FSPTS BOARD WILL HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER LEAGUE PLACEMENT, SCHEDULING AND MECHANICS.
22. AFTER 2 FORFETIS TEAMS MUST GO BEFORE THE BOARD FOR A HEARING TO SEE IF THEY CAN CONTINUE LEAGUE PLAY.
23. **MANAGER AND COACHES:** IT IS YOUR DUTY TO INSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM ARE AWARE AND KNOW ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THAT ALL YOUR PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE ACCORDING TO ELIGIBILTY RULES STATED BY THE FSPTS, AND YOUR PLAYERS ARE AWARE OF SCHEDULED GAMES AND CHANGES.
24. PLAYER ELIBILITY
 - A. ANY ILLEGAL PLAYER PLAYING IN AN FSPTS LEAGUE GAME WILL BE BANNED FROM THE LEAGUE FOR THE REMINDER OF THE SEASON, AND THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME BEING PLAYED PLUS TWO ADDITIONAL GAMES, AND WILL HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD.
 - B.ANY ILLEGAL PLAYER PLAYING IN AN FSPTS SPONSORD TOURNAMENT WILL BE BANNED FROM PLAYING ANY FSPTS SPONSORED TOURNAMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, AND THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL FORFEIT FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
 - C.THE PROTEST HAS TO BE MADE BEFORE THE FINAL OUT OF THE GAME. THE PLAYER IN QUESTION MUST SHOW A PROPER PICTURE ID. THE UMPIRE WILL DOCUMENT ALL INFORMATION AND NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. A BOARD MEMBER MAY QUESTION ANY PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE GAME STARTING OR AFTER THE GAME IS OVER.

25. DISQUALIFICATION COULD RESULT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
 - A. ANY MANAGER, SPONSOR, OR COACH WHO USES A PLAYER WHO IS NOT LISTED ON THE TEAM ROSTER AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TEAM.
 - B. ANY PLAYER, GROUP OF PLAYERS, MANAGER, COACH, SPECTATOR, OR SPONSOR, WHO IS DEEMED BY THE FSPS ORGANIZATION TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE LEAGUE.ANY PLAYER UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME
26. FOR ELIGIBILITY EACH PLAYER MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE BY APRIL OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
27. FSPS WILL FURNISH AN UMPIRE TO HANDLE EACH LEAGUE GAME. THE UMPIRE WILL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE GAME AND HAVE THE POWER GIVEN HIM BY THE OFFICIAL RULES AND THE FSPS BOARD. NO PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY UMPIRE. ON A GAME, FIELD OR TIME.
28. ASA RULES WILL APPLY EXCEPT FOR A FEW SITUATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE GAME MORE ENJOYABLE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND WORK WITHIN OUR FACILITY.
29. NO STEALING ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.
30. ALL UMPIRES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ASA REGISTERED. IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL UMPIRES ATTEND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE LEAGUE START DATE.
31. GAME TIME IS WHEN THE UMPIRE HAS TOLD BOTH TEAMS TO TAKE THE FIELD. THE CLOCK WILL START AT THIS TIME. 55-MINUTE GAME TIMES. THERE WILL BE THREE WARM-UP PITCHES AT THE START OF THE 1 ST INNING, AND NONE AFTER THAT. YOU MUST HAVE 9 PLAYERS TO START THE GAME IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN THE LINE-UP PRIOR TO THE FIRST PITCH OR THEY WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED A SUBSTITUTE AND YOUR 10TH PLAYER WILL BE CONSIDERED AN OUT.
32. THE HOME TEAM WILL DETERMINE BY THE TOSS OF A COIN. THE HOME TEAM IS THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER. ALL TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A SCOREBOOK IN THEIR PACKETS. IT IS MANDATORY TO HAVE A SCOREBOOK.
33. LINE-UP CARDS WILL BE USED. THE UMPIRE WILL GIVE YOU YOUR LINE-UP CARD PRIOR TO THE GAME. IT MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES AND RETURNED TO THE UMPIRE BEFORE THE GAME.
34. GAME CALLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. IT IS CONSIDERED A FULL GAME AFTER 4, INNINGS. IF THE GAME IS CALLED BEFORE 4, INNINGS IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED AND PLAYED OVER.
35. TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE- AFTER THE COMPLETION OF SEVEN INNINGS OR WHEN TIME LIMITS HAVE EXPIRED AND THE SCORE IS STILL TIED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL TAKE PLACE. STARTING

AT THE TOP OF THE 8TH INNING OR THE NEXT INNING AFTER TIME IS UP, AND EACH HALF INNING THERE AFTER, THE OFFENSIVE TEAM WILL PUT THE LAST BATTER OF THE PREVIOUS INNING WHOSE TURN AT BAT WAS COMPLETE, TO 2ND BASE, AND START THE INNING.

36. ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT, AND EACH TEAM MUST FURNISH THEIR OWN BALL AS DECIDED BY THE BOARD. PLAYERS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF ALL EQUIPMENT TO THE SPONSOR, MANAGER OR COMPLEX FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE SEASON OR THE PLAYER OR COACH WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASON. THIS IS RETROACTIVE TO THE PRIOR SEASON. PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE BOARD ONCE A SPONSOR OR MANAGER BRINGS THE PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD.
37. NO METAL SPIKES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED, ANY INDIVIDUAL FOUND WEARING METAL SPIKES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME UNTIL THE METAL SPIKES ARE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY ACCEPTABLE SHOES. APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES; YOU CANNOT WEAR SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, ETC. NO GOING BAREFOOT. ALSO REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS, ENDURANCE, OR PHYSIQUE, PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF THEIR SHIRTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD.
38. NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT OR ON THE PLAYING FIELD DURING GAME TIMES.
39. IF A PROTEST IS WARRANTED IT SHALL BE MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PROBLEM. NO PROTEST IS APPLICABLE ON A JUDGEMENT CALL. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE TO USE IF A PROTEST IS WARRANTED: A \$20.00 DEPOSIT IS GIVEN TO THE UMPIRE AT THE TIME OF THE PROTESTED ACTION. THIS DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE IF THE PROTEST SITUATION DOES NOT HAVE A BEARING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME, OR IF THE JUDGEMENT IS UPHELD. THE MANAGER AND THE UMPIRE MUST RECORD ALL ACTIONS, SITUATIONS, ENDING, ETC IN THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK. THE PROTEST WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD AND ACTED UPON IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT TIME. THE GAME WILL CONTINUE TO ITS CONCLUSION UNDER PROTEST WITH THE OUTCOME BEING RECORDED IN THE SCORE BOOK. NO DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO PROTEST AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER