

**RULES AND INFO**

**Henrico County Weather Hotline**: 804-501-5132 (press 1)

**\*\*\*Umpires will text scores for OFFICIAL SCORING – Please make sure you finalize scores with the umpire & opposing team at the end of each game\*\*\***

* 50-minute games (10 minute WARNING by Umpire, No new innings will start within last 5 minute of game. Home team must bat last.)
* Double headers played against the same team each night.
* The regular season will consist of 8 regular season weeks (weather permitting) and additional playoff games.
* 10 players max play in the field (must have a minimum of 3 females).
* The minimum requirement per team for an official game is 7 players (4 males & 3 females).
* **10 Run Rule** – 10 runs MAX scoring per inning
* **No more than 3 male batters in a row.** Batting line up will not exceed 3 males and 1 female (Then it can repeat).
* **If a team has less than 3 females playing, the game is officially a FORFEIT, unless captains agree otherwise.** There will be an automatic out each time the 3rd female would bat (Ghost out).
* No throwing runners out at first base from the outfield
* All players are allowed to bat regardless of if they’re playing in the field.
* **WITH EVERY OUT:** If the pitching team walks a male batter to get to a female batter than the male gets 2 bases (He will advance to second base) The female batter then has the option to bat or also advance to first base without batting.
* **Max 3 Home Runs per TEAM** (per game) then the next homerun is an **OUT**
* **No hitting up the middle**. Umpire’s discretion. (This is to protect the pitchers)
* You are allowed 1 courtesy runner per inning. A male runner must substitute for a male and a female runner must substitute for a female.
* **Pitcher Run Substitution:** The pitcher is also allowed to be substituted for without affecting your 1 runner substitution per inning.
* **PITCHERS:** 804 Softball recommends pitchers wear protective equipment; this will NOT be required but encouraged and equipment will NOT be provided by the league.
* Only 4 people can play in the infield at a time (1st, 2nd, Short & 3rd base) This does not apply to the pitcher & catcher.
* No stealing.
* Females will hit with the 11” balls provided.
* Males will hit with the 12” balls provided.
* **Sliding:** The baserunner's responsibility is to avoid interfering with the defense and avoid contact with the fielder when a play is being made. They can slide, surrender, change directions (up to 3 feet), etc.
* 15-minute delay for late players for 6pm games only; Traffic
* **NSA BALLS & BATS ONLY, THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**
* No metal cleats.
* Any game that is played for more than 30 min is an official game
* **COURTESY FOULS: THERE ARE NO COURTESY FOUL BALLS**
* **OFFICIAL SCORING:**
	+ **Both teams will keep their own score during their game**
	+ **Upon completion of EACH game, not each double header, both team captains will meet at home plate with the ump to sign off on scores**
	+ **Once agreed upon and signed, the umpire will then text the results to 804 Softball to be posted.**

**CONDUCT POLICY**

**804 Softball enforces a zero-tolerance policy regarding unsportsmanlike conduct. This is but not limited to fighting, cursing, rude & antagonizing behavior. This is a CO-ED social league established to have fun. Ejections will be up to the umpire’s discretion and reviewed for further action. Team captains will be required to hold their teams completely accountable or will also result in disciplinary action for both the captains and the involved players.**