

Falcon League Rules

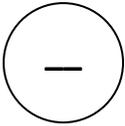
Springville City Recreation

BATTERS:

- a. All players bat
- b. **A team can start with 7 players, but an automatic out will be assessed to the eighth and ninth spots in the batting order, when they are to bat until their spots are filled with an additional player.**
- c. Players can be added or subtracted from the lineup without penalty.
- d. Batters must wear protective head gear while batting or running the bases.
- e. **NO** bunting allowed.

BASERUNNING:

- a. There is NO stealing of bases.
- b. There is NO infield fly rule.
- c. There is NO dropped third strike.
- d. The runners can continue to run as long as the ball is in play, however, when the ball is returned to the pitcher's circle, all runners must stop at the nearest base.



Pitcher's Circle Rule: As soon as the ball, thrown or carried, crosses the plane of the pitcher's circle cylinder, all runners stop at their nearest base.

DEFENSE:

- a. Ten players are on the defensive field. The four outfielders must be equally distant from home plate. **There is NO rover as in slow-pitch softball. The outfielder's, must be at least fifteen to twenty feet behind the base line. (Edge of the outfield grass).**
- b. Coaches can make any substitutions without reporting because all players are already in the lineup because everyone bats.
- c. Hit by pitch rule: Any pitcher will be removed after hitting the third batter in the same inning. They can return next inning, but after two more hit batters they are finished for the game.
- d. A, non-coaching person, can be the "ball shagger." A "ball shagger" is someone who stands behind the umpire in the home plate area and retrieves the ball for the catcher if the pitched ball gets passed her. The "ball shagger" simply gives the catcher the ball to throw back to the pitcher. It really speeds the pace of the game. **THE "BALL SHAGGER" CANNOT BE A COACH.**

GAMES:

- a. When a game is tied at the end of regulation innings or the expiration of the time limit, the game will be decided by an international tie-breaker.
- b. **Regulation game time is 1 Hour or 6 innings.**
- c. Only positive comments will be allowed from both teams. **NO** negative comments or cheers toward the other team will be tolerated.

PITCHING:

- a. The pitcher must start with the pivot foot in contact with the plate. U. G. S. A. will allow a pitcher to step backward from the pitching plate with the non-pivot while delivering the ball.
- b. Pitching distance will be 35' for the Falcon League.
- c. Five warm-up pitches or one minute will be allowed for pitchers between innings or for relief pitchers.

SCORING:

- a. Offensive teams will be limited to 6 runs scored in the first two complete innings. After scoring 6 runs per inning, teams will switch with no concern to number of outs made in the inning. **More than 6 runs are possible in an inning when five runs have been scored and the offensive team has multiple runners on base that are able to score before the defensive team ends play. (Those runs beyond six will still count...in other words ~the last play will be live.**
- b. A tie-breaker will be used in the event a game is tied at the end of regulation innings (6) or at the end of the time limit (1 Hour). **An international tie-breaker is when the last out from the previous inning starts the inning at 3rd Base.** The new inning begins with **NO** outs. With each additional extra inning needed to break the tie, a runner begins on 3rd Base.

STATE TOURNAMENT:

- a. **The 2016 State Tournament will be held July 5th – 7th ~ (Tues- Wed - Thur)**