

Ken-Rock Community Center Softball Rules:  
6-8 Year Old Boys and Girls

1. The softball program is organized to provide opportunity for play in the following leagues. A player's age is determined as of August 1 of the present year.

2. The official diamond shall have the following fences, base lines and pitching distances:

<u>Base Line</u>	<u>Pitching Distance</u>
50 ft.	24 ft.

3. Team Roster:

- a. A team must maintain a minimum of eleven (11) players and not more than fourteen (14).
- b. Teams not at full strength will have players placed on the team if available.
- c. Any player failing to attend at least 50% of the team's practice sessions may forfeit his/her eligibility. The manager will be responsible to contact parents to find out why and try to work out a solution before dropping the player from the roster.

4. Equipment: Only "Official Softball" bats, playground bats, or bats approved by the center's athletic director that are 2 ¼ diameter will be used in league play.

5. All game balls (11" safety ball) shall be supplied by the Ken-Rock Athletic Department.

6. A shoe soles may be either smooth rubber or with soft or hard rubber cleats.

7. Catcher's mask must be worn by all catchers.

8. All players will be furnished with an official uniform by Ken-Rock Community Center. Each player must wear the issued uniform to be eligible to play. Nothing should be added to the uniforms as to change the appearance from the original issue.

9. Playing Requirements: All players will play the field at all times, it is suggested that all players get a chance to play all positions. No 5-man infields. Outfielders (LF, LCF, RCF, RF) establishing a start point of both feet in the grass, Outfielders can progress into infield AFTER bat/ball contact. A team may start or continue a game with eight (8) players who must be on the field (no automatic out will be assessed)

10. All eligible players on the roster will play a defensive position throughout the game. Outfield will possibly have 7 outfielders. The batting line-up shall consist of all eligible players who are present at the game time; no changes in the batting line-up shall be allowed during the game except for illness, injury or disciplinary action.

11. The Game: A 60 minutes time limit will be in effect. If eight (8) players from each team are present at game time, the game must start on time. No new innings is to begin after one (1) hour.

12. A game called by the Umpire because of rain shall be designated a regulation game if 4 innings. 3 ½ innings if home team is ahead), have been completed. No team shall leave the immediate vicinity of the playing area until the game has been officially declared a rain-out by the Umpire-in-Chief games will be rescheduled at earliest convenience.

13. No team shall be allowed to score more than (5) runs per inning. Effect: If the offensive team scores five (5) runs prior to the defensive team making three (3) outs the side will retire.

14. Batting: There will be (5) pitch rule per batter. No balls or strikes will be recorded. No bunting or chopping the ball will be allowed.
15. Base Running: Base runners may leave their bases when a pitched ball is hit or passes over home plate but must return to that base immediately after each pitch not hit by the batter.
16. Dead Ball: The ball is dead and not in play after each pitch that is not hit.
17. Pitching: The manager/coach from the batting team will be the pitcher for his/her team. A defensive player will stand next to the coach/pitcher.
18. Awards: Participation trophies will be awarded to all team.

### “ZERO” Tolerance Parent Policy

This program is designed to organize, teach, develop and promote youth softball. Ken-Rock Softball strives to be a character building organization that recognizes the importance of emphasizing good sportsmanship. With this in mind, we have developed a parent/spectator/coach policy to help explain and clarify some of our team and league expectations, rules, and guidelines directly related to parent conduct and playing time. This policy will support, but does not override our team or Ken-Rock rules or regulations. We feel this policy will help inform everyone, in advance, what is expected. This should make the season go much smoother and be more rewarding for everyone involved.

**\*\*Please read the following guidelines and expectations of the “Zero” Tolerance Parent Policy**

1. Profanity of any type will not be tolerated at any time.
2. Verbal threats or physical confrontations of any kind between parents, players, coaches, officials, or fans (including the opposing coaches, fans, and players) will not be tolerated at any time or any place
3. The use of alcohol is prohibited at all Ken-Rock Softball Events

**Violations and Penalties:** Profanity, abusive language, or creating a distance by a manager, coach, spectator, or player, before, during, or after a game will result in prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds.

- a. The umpire shall have the authority to order any manager, coach, player or spectator to leave the game and grounds if their judgment such action is warranted. Effect: Offenders will have one minute to comply with the umpire’s ruling. Failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game.

The umpire will report all such violations to the Ken-Rock Community Center’s staff and the following will go into effect:

- a. **First Offense:** Non-flagrant violations will prohibited from attending the next game of either team. Flagrant violations may result in more severe penalties as determined by Ken-Rock Community Center Administration.
- b. **Second Offense:** Non-flagrant violations may draw a suspension of a minimum of one year. Flagrant violations may result in more severe penalties as determined by Ken-Rock Community Center Administration.

Any person who physically attacks an official shall be disbarred from the center Premises and or center activities for a minimum of one (1) year. Physical attacks will be reported to the police.

Team managers shall be responsible for notifying their team’s players and/or spectators of this rule and the rule’s effect.