

**HPSA LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES
(NOT RELATED TO SOFTBALL CANADA RULEBOOK)**

PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible for the playoffs each player must be on the team's official roster by the third Sunday of July.	
TIME LIMIT	No new inning will start after 1hr 40 min from the scheduled game time. No pitch will be allowed after 1 hr 50 min from the scheduled game time.	
COURTESY RUNNERS	Teams will be allowed to have an unlimited number of courtesy runners for up to 4 players. The courtesy runner must be the <u>person furthest from the batter</u> in the line-up unless this is an injured player, in which case the runner would then be the next person in the line-up.	
LEAVING A GAME	Any player may leave a game for any reason without penalty as long as there are still enough players to continue the game.	
SMOKING AND ALCOHOL	Smoking, including vaping, is not allowed in the dugouts or playing field. Alcohol/marijuana use is strictly prohibited in any part of the park or parking lot.	
PITCHING	Pitchers can pitch for one team in each division as long as they are on the team's official roster.	
NON ROSTER PLAYERS	Teams are allowed to bring out non roster players during the regular season only in order to get their lineup to 10 for divisions 1 and 2, or 11 for divisions 3, 4, & 5. Subs must bat at the bottom of the batting order before late arriving players (anybody who shows up after the official plate meeting). A maximum of 5 subs may be used.	
PLAYOFF FORMAT	Number of teams in division	Number of teams that make the playoffs
	4-6	4
	7-8	5
	9-10	6
	11	7
	12	8
PLAYOFF SEEDING TIE BREAKING	1. Win Percentage (with default points factored in)	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Does a team have a default? 3. Head to Head 4. Run differential (runs for minus runs against divided by number of games played) 5. Coin Toss
STANDINGS	Standings will be determined based on win percentage. A default will be counted as a loss and a default. Therefore, it will count as a game played and there will be a subtraction of points from winning percentage (a default counts as an additional loss when calculating win %).
ROSTERS	Team rosters must be returned to the league on the approved spreadsheet by April 28th. The last day to make adjustments to the roster will be the third Sunday in July. The minimum roster size is 10 players. The maximum roster size is 18 players.
GROUND RULES	Hendon Park – The white line in the outfield fence will no longer be used to determine a Home Run. Balls must clear the full fence to be awarded a Home Run
GIVING UP AT BATS	Teams may give up their at bats for a full inning, or the remainder of an inning, in lieu of having batters/runners intentionally "get out" to speed up the game. Batters who were due to bat will NOT be skipped. They will take their scheduled at bats in the next inning if there is one. This can be employed before an inning, before an at bat, or mid at bat with any number of outs. This can be done an unlimited number of times per game.