

PERTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE - COMPETITION GROUND RULES 2022/23

VETS RULES - **ADDITIONAL TO SUMMER GROUND RULES**

1 Player Age

- 1.1 All Vets players need to be aged 40 years and above.

2 Game Time

- 2.1 Games will be a full 1 hour 15 minutes or 7 innings (whichever comes first).
- 2.1.1 Summer Ground Rule 6.5.4 does not apply in Vets.
- 2.2 If there is a batter in the box when the time has lapsed, "game" will be called. Scores may need to revert to even innings unless the home team is in front. (See Finals rules).
- 2.3 Declared Innings – Within 15 minutes of the end of the game, the batting side may declare their batting innings over. This can only occur if the team is at the top of the innings and can only occur ONCE per game.
- 2.4 No Mercy Rule in Vets Competition.

3 9 Run Rule

- 3.1 The 9 Run Rule applies in Vets.
- 3.2 The plate umpire notifies both teams when the 9th runner crosses the plate (however the score books may reflect the entire play so statistics remain correct). Maximum of 9 runs to be recorded on Team Sheet.

4 Game

- 4.1 Team Sheets are required to be filled out by BOTH Home and Away teams. No Umpire line-up card is required.
- 4.2 Exemption of re-entry rule applies in case of injury when no other bench player is available to take the diamond.
- 4.3 A Speed Up Runner may be used for Catcher OR Pitcher after 2 outs. Runner should be any eligible player **off the bench in the batting lineup** but may not be one of the next 4 batters.
- 4.4 To field a team of 9 players, a maximum of ONLY 2 pick up players may be used. There must be a minimum of 8 players to play a game.
 - 4.4.1 Pick Up Players must field in the outfield and bat at the end of the line up.
 - 4.4.2 Any one Pick Up Player may be used a maximum amount of 5 times throughout the season.
- 4.5 HOME team is responsible for raking the diamond after the game.
- 4.6 NO automatic out will be recorded if a team is playing with 8 players. The team will bat through the line-up as per usual with NO automatic out.
- 4.7 NO Bunting. If a batter intentionally lays down a bunt they will be out. Bunt will be a Dead Ball and the runners will return back to original bases.

- 4.8 NO Stealing on a pitched ball. If a base is stolen the runner will be out, a dead Ball will be called and the pitch count stands. You may steal on a pass ball or wild pitch (this is when the ball goes behind the plate umpire, or is unreachable from the catcher). This will be called at the plate umpires discretion. A lead off is not a steal.
- 4.9 Mens Division 2 players can play up in division 1 with no restrictions but division 1 cannot play in division 2.
- 4.10 Clubs with 2 teams in one division, if a fill in player from the same club is a pick up player then they must field in the outfield and bat at the end of the line up.
- 4.11 Players must have participated in 4 games with their Vets team during qualifying rounds before being eligible to play finals.

5 Umpiring

- 5.1 Teams are required to supply 1 x plate umpire and 1 or 2 base umpires as per the umpiring roster on the fixtures.

6 Finals

- 6.1 Even innings MUST be completed.
- 6.2 NO reverting back at the end of time.
- 6.3 Started innings MUST be completed.
- 6.4 Tie Breaker rules apply in Finals.
- 6.5 Conclusion of game must have a winner.
- 6.6 No fill ins for finals. Refer to Rule 4.11

Failure to comply with Vets Ground Rules will incur Summer Ground Rule Penalties

For any queries regarding these Ground Rules please email perthsoftballvets@gmail.com