

Gentlemen:

Please forward this information out to your teammates as these changes will start with Tuesday's game on 7/27.

These changes are being made based on observations at the field and feedback from club members. These changes are being implemented for the remainder of summer league

#### LEAGUE FORMAT

The good news is we have more players than ever who want to play softball this summer. The challenge is that our teams have gotten so large that players have not gotten as much chance to play as many would have liked. Moving forward, we will be moving to 5 team format with a bye for 1 team each day. This will start next week. Please review the new schedule for changes

The 5<sup>th</sup> team has been built to have approximately the same rating as the other teams. Each team will have somewhere between 13-14 players. 3-4 players have been realigned from each team. We will still have to substitute during games, but everyone should get more playing time.

**The Bye team will also be responsible for umpire & scorekeeper duties for the day they have a bye.**

#### SUBSTITUTION RULES

- 1) We have always had the rule that a sub may not be a higher level than you currently have. We have also said the only way to have a higher ranked player sub is to have BOTH managers agree BEFORE the start of the game. Please make sure to clear any subs at a higher level with the other manager
- 2) **ALL SUBS must come from the team that has the bye that week**
- 3) When picking up substitutes playing with a Rover (11 players), you may pick up 1 substitute if you only have 11 players. If you have more than 11 players, you must play with the existing team you have. Adding extra players over 12 is not allowed
- 4) If you do have a sub, you still have to start your regular players. The sub should not play more than the players on your team
- 5) A sub cannot play more the 4 innings of a 7-inning game if there are team players sitting on the bench
- 6) All runners from home should be from your existing lineup and not the sub.

#### RUNNING

- 1) A rule that is used in the Northwest is going to be implemented for the remainder of the summer. Any runner from home running for another player cannot advance past first base on the hit, no matter where the ball is hit, with the exception being if the ball is hit over the fence for a home run.
- 2) If you hit, you cannot have a runner from home at another time unless injured during the game

#### RULES OF PLAY

**We will continue to play one 7 inning game**

**Additional Info:**

**We will not be off Labor day week. The season will end on Thursday (9/16). Each team will have 12 or 13 games remaining with 3 or 4 bye days.**