

2021 Jim Hill Spirit League Advantages, Structure, Rules

Format Advantages

- A Team only needs 5 Players (minimum) to play in the Spirit League.
- Players get more at bats (usually 6 per game) than in the traditional 7-inning format.
- It's different, but you still have to hit, catch, and throw the softball to win ball games.
- Allows each player to develop their skills to become a better player.
- The game encourages team cooperation, camaraderie, and sportsmanship.
- The 3 teams will share one dugout.
- Instills new thought for ideas and methods to playing the game we love.

Team Structure

- Batting Team: Consisting of a 5-person team that bats for 2 innings (which is 10 batters).
- Left-side Team: Consisting of a 5-person team that plays shortstop, short-center (rover), left field, left centerfield and centerfield for 2 innings.
- Right-side Team: Consisting of a 5-person team that plays first base, second base, third base, right field, right centerfield for two innings.
- Pitcher and Catcher will be assigned to play game for all teams.

League Rules

- A 'Game' will consist of 3 teams competing against each other in a 6-inning game (played 2 innings at a time).
- Each team will play a double header. No Mercy Rule.
- The batting team – everyone bats twice (considered to be 2 innings).
- Clear bases every 3 outs.
- If upcoming batter is on base, the person making last out runs for them.
- 65-foot bases.
- 160-foot cones will be used for outfielders to play behind until batter hits ball.
- Pitcher and Catcher will play defense for all teams, they will not bat.
- Pitcher and Catcher will be umpires, (strikes only, no walks.)

- No Complaining to the umpires; any issues please bring to commissioner.
- All games – a point system will be used for standings.
 - o 3 points for winner (most runs scored)
 - o 2 points for second place (2nd most runs scored)
 - o 1 point for third place (least runs scored)
 - o Tie games (runs scored) – points will be reallocated.
- Covid-19 Mask Requirements: All players, umpires and spectators will wear a mask at all times at the fields. This means starting from when you get out of your cars and ending when you get back into your cars.
 - o Mask Exceptions: When you are batting, when you are on base or playing in the field (catchers excepted).
 - o The dugouts will not be used. Hang bags on the fence along both sides and maintain 6 foot distance. Bring chairs to sit on.
 - o 12:30 PM Teams: Do not hang your bags on the fence until the 9:30 AM teams have vacated the area with their bags.

- Unless otherwise stated above, the 2020 Catino League Rules will apply.

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Dorie Carroll – League Commissioner