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Toledo Sport and Social Club **Co-Ed Wiffle Ball Game Rules:**

- A) Mercy rule:** 10-run lead after 6 innings, 15-run lead after 5 innings
- B) Runs per inning:** The batting team may score up to 8 runs per inning. Once 8 runs have been score the inning will immediately end. During a team's last at bats or in the case where the mercy rule would be enforced, the trailing team may score more than 8.
- C) Game Length:** All games will be 7 innings unless mercy rule is in play or game time has elapsed.
- D) Extra Innings:** Extra-inning games are allowed but no new inning will start after 55 minutes of game time.
- E) Game Time:** No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of play. Because of time limits, games can end in ties.
- F) Lineups:** Lineups will consist of 6 players. No more than 4 of these may be male. Teams must have at least 2 female players for the game to count.
 - a. Extra Hitters: Each team may use an additional 2 players in their batting lineup that are not in their fielding lineup.
 - b. Lineups should alternate between genders. If an uneven number of male and female players are present, no more than 2 male batters may bat in a row.
- G) Defensive lineups:** There will be 6 positions in the field. They are suggested to be 3 infielders, 2 outfielders, and a catcher. The only required position is catcher.
 - a. **Infield/Outfield Players:** Check with the TSSC league official to learn the playing field marks that indicate where an 'infield' player must play and where an 'outfield' player must play until a ball is hit.
- H) Playable Balls:** Any ball in fair territory is considered playable. A ball hitting the ceiling or non-designated homerun area is catchable for an OUT.
 - a. **Foul Balls** hit in the air may be caught for an OUT and the ball remains 'live' after the catch.
 - b. **Foul Balls** that hit the side walls are immediately 'dead' and cannot be caught for outs.
- I) Ball – Out of Play:** Any ball deemed "out of play" by the umpire will result in the base runners being awarded the base they were headed towards.
 - a. Any batted ball getting "stuck" in fair territory will result in the batter being awarded a single.
- J) Facility Specific Ground Rules:** Each facility and field may have unique rules that apply specifically to that location. Please check with a TSSC representative to be sure you have been informed of the ground rules.

- K) Hitting:** No bunting or chopping is allowed. If the umpire determines this has taken place, the batter will be OUT.
- L) Running:** Runners must stay within the base line and fielders must stay out of the base line. Fielders trying to make an out on the base may have their foot on base, but must lean out of the baseline to avoid contact with the runner. Runners hindered by any fielder within the base line shall be safe at the base to which they were running.
- a. **Infield Fly Rule:** This does not apply in wiffle ball. Runners must tag up before advancing on a caught fly ball.
 - b. **NO SLIDING** into any of the bases or home plate. A runner who slides will be automatically called OUT.
 - c. **Pinch Runners** are only allowed when the runner is injured while playing the current game. Umpires have discretion to allow pinch runners as necessary to facilitate game play.
- M) Homeruns:** There are designated “automatic” homeruns for the gym being used. Check with the TSSC official for the gym specific ground rules.
- N) Outs:** Outs will be made by tagging a runner with the ball, catching fly balls, and by getting the ball to a player tagging the base to which a runner is forced.
- O) Pitching:** Each team will supply their own pitcher. This pitcher is considered part of the playing field for instances where he/she is struck by the ball. However, this player must make an effort to avoid being hit.
- a. Each batter will be thrown up to 3 pitches during an at bat. If the 3rd pitch is not hit in fair territory, the batter will be OUT.
 - b. All pitches must be thrown over hand.
- P) Bats:** Toledo Sport and Social Club will provide the bats for league play. There will be a standard yellow waffle ball bat for everyone to use. Additionally, there will be a red “jumbo” bat that 1 player per inning will be allowed to use.
- Q) Playoffs:** A single-elimination playoff will take place over a two week time period at the end of the season and depending on the number of teams in the league, not all teams may qualify.
- o Playoff seeding will be done by winning percentage. Tie breakers will be runs allowed followed by head to head record.

Toledo Sport and Social Club's General League Rules

1) Officials

- a) Leagues run by TSSC either have an official or are self-officiated. When self-officiated, the teams playing must be responsible for calling their own infractions. It is not the responsibility of the opponents to call a foul.
- b) TSSC officials are responsible for the fair play of games, however, participants are still responsible for knowing and understanding the league rules. Officials will make calls based on established league rules and have the final say. Officials will work to provide fair and fun game play. If a participant is found to be disrupting this effort, the league official has the authority remove said player from the game.
- c) Participants choosing to yell at officials will NOT be tolerated!

2) Forfeits

- a) TSSC strives to provide fun and organized game play. This is achieved in large part by having teams committed to playing their scheduled games. However, from time to time a team may not be able to attend its scheduled game. In this case, it is the responsibility of the team to notify TSSC at least 24 hours in advance of missing a game to report its forfeit. Teams who forfeit multiple times during a season may not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament or may be removed from the league altogether.

3) Substitutions

- a) Substitutions are allowed during the regular season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to explain the rules to subs before games begin. Teams may borrow players from other league teams as substitutes only during the regular season. When borrowing players from another team, a maximum number of subs allowed is the amount needed to have a full team on the field plus one. Teams must play their normal roster players ahead of substitutes who were borrowed from another team.

4) Playoffs Eligibility

- a) In order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-season playoffs a player must have played at least one regular season game with the team. Teams may be ruled ineligible by TSSC for rule or sportsmanship infractions and will be notified if their eligibility has been revoked.

5) Standings / Seeding

- a) Throughout the season, league standings will be updated and displayed on the league webpage. The order shown on the page is not necessarily the order of seeding that will exist for the end-of-season tournament. In the case of multiple

teams having the same regular season record, tie-breakers will be listed in the sport specific portion of the rules.

6) Sportsmanship

- a) The Toledo Sport and Social Club exists to provide adults with the ability to continue to compete in lifelong recreational play. We realize there will be intense moments during games, in particular towards the end of games or when a player makes a mistake in judgment, but we hope the TSSC Spirit of Play will always remain.
- b) The TSSC encourages players to play with a "Fun First, Win Second" attitude. Our leagues are about getting out and having a good time with old friends and new! The TSSC believes that encouraging good sports behavior is why players join and will remain in our leagues. Playing with TSSC Spirit provides a non-threatening, fun environment for all levels of players. Good sporting behavior: behavioral tendencies of a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, and victory without gloating, and who treats all opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy and respect. This is the attitude we encourage all players to display on and off the playing field!

7) League Cancellation / Rainout

- a) TSSC uses two methods to inform teams when a rainout or game cancellation has taken place. The voice mail message for the phone line 855-HEY-TSSC (439-8772) extension 1 (will be updated with information regarding the status of league play. Additionally, TSSC will update the status of its profile, ToledoSportand Social Club on Facebook.
- b) Due to the nature of weather, TSSC won't always be able to update these messages prior to the start of league play for a particular evening. If neither of these methods has been updated, please show up to the game location and seek information there about the status of games for the evening.
- c) In the case of a rainout or game cancellation, TSSC will attempt to reschedule the games. However, not all games are guaranteed and TSSC reserves the right to shorten the league schedule, without issuing a refund, if necessary.

8) Website

- a) Toledo Sport and Social Club's websites, www.ToledoSSC.com and www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com are the source for all information regarding all team and league information. Please utilize the websites functions for all scheduling and registration functions. Other features that may be found on the website are: Free Agent postings, League Rules, Social Events, and in-season announcements.

9) Sponsors / Post Game Socials

- a) Prior to the beginning of each league TSSC will establish as "Sponsor Bar" to serve as a social gathering place for all TSSC teams and fans after league nights. The sponsor establishments and deals are specific to TSSC members and are prearranged. These will be listed on the league page throughout the

season. Please socialize and enjoy yourselves at all times but keep in mind that you are representing TSSC when attending post game socials.

10) Rule Changes

- a) TSSC reserves the right to change league rules at any time. Team managers will be made aware of rule changes and it then becomes their responsibility to communicate changes to their teams. Rules for each sport will be listed under each sport's page.