

Viewpoint Softball Field Rules
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Rule 1

Balls hit over the extended right field fence.

The area we are referring to runs from the pole in the middle of right field, that is painted red, and goes to the right field foul post and beyond in foul territory. This rule is made to protect Viewpoint residents in the Northpoint pool area.

1. Any ball hit that clears the secondary screen, to the right of that painted post is an OUT.
2. Any player hitting a ball over the screen in the described zone twice in the same tournament or on the same league day will be ejected from the duration of the tournament or league games that day.
3. There will be no substitution allowed for the ejected player in the game in which the second infraction occurs, and each subsequent at bat for the ejected player is an out. That player's team will finish the game with 10 defensive players.
4. Only a previously submitted rostered player/substitute will be allowed to replace the ejected player for subsequent games in the tournament.
5. Any ball hit that clears the secondary home run screen to the right of the painted pole is an OUT. A ball which hits the foul pole or a foul ball above the height of the secondary screen is also an OUT. A ball which hits the secondary home run screen and bounces over the screen is a home run.
6. Any player which hits four balls over the screen in either the fall or winter season is out of the park for the remainder of that season.

Rule 2

Pitcher Protection:

Use of a mask and shin guards is mandatory.

The Viewpoint Senior Softball Association has a mask and a pair of shin guards available for use by participating tournament teams. The Tournament Director will be responsible for provision and return of the equipment.

If either pitcher wants the screen for personal protection/safety they should move behind the screen immediately following the pitch and cannot field the ball. If the pitcher touches the ball, it is a dead ball and the batter will be awarded first base. Once the ball has passed the pitcher/screen the pitcher can engage in play.

The opposing team is not required to use the screen.

The screen will be positioned 3 feet in front of the pitching rubber and must be touching or overlapping an imaginary line from the edge of the pitching rubber to the edge of home plate. A batted ball which strikes the screen before being touched by a defensive player is a dead ball.

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