



## CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE

### Adult's Men's Softball By-Laws Spring League 2010

The league will be sanctioned by all I.S.A. rules except where otherwise noted. All I.S.A. rules and regulations will be enforced except in cases that the Cathedral of Praise Adult Men's Spring 2010 by-laws take precedent.

#### **Cathedral of Praise Adult Men's Softball League By-Laws are as follows:**

1. All games will begin at 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. A 15 minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only. Each game will have a one (1) hour and 15 minute time limit. Each team must be ready to play at their scheduled time. If a team does not have a "legal line up" (By-Law #2 constitutes the parameters of a legal line-up) at game time, they will forfeit that game. Two forfeits from an individual team and that team will be removed from the league. Rain out games will be made up at the earliest possible open date. Refer to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com) for rain out information and game cancellation. Games are subject to change if there is a conflict with church related activities. Coaches will be notified in advance of any changes. Only the League Office and Director will make this decision.
2. A "Legal Line Up" will consist of 9 players to start a game. The 10<sup>th</sup> player can be added to a team's line up at any time during a game. If a team starts a game with 10 players and 1 player becomes injured or is ejected, and the team does not have a replacement player that spot in the batting order will be an out when it is that individual's turn to bat. A team can bat 12 players, however if a team starts a game with 12 players and 1 player becomes injured or is ejected the team must replace that player. If there is no replacement then the game becomes a forfeit. If a team starts a game with 12 players it must finish with 12 players.

3. Each team will be responsible for providing their personal I.S.A. approved ball to the opposing team. Each team will hit their own ball. No other balls are to be used with no exception.
4. Only bats that are stamped with an I.S.A. approved stamp are to be used. Any player that uses an illegal bat will be called out and ejected from that game if the League Director deems necessary.
5. All coaches, players, and fans are to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and Christian manner. No foul language, fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Any coach, player, or fan unable to conduct themselves properly will be ejected and ask to leave the field immediately. Depending on the severity of their behavior further action may be taken by the Disciplinary Committee. If such action is warranted a meeting with Disciplinary Committee and the coach, player, and/or fan will be held and the Disciplinary Committee will then make its ruling. All rulings by the Disciplinary Committee are final.
6. No steel cleats will be allowed onto the field.
7. A courtesy runner will be allowed once a batter reaches a base safely. The courtesy runner can only be the player that made the last out in this inning or the last out of the previous inning. Only one per inning. Teams may also designate a player as a "scat cat". This player does not bat or field, but may run for any player after they reach a base safely.
8. All Players must have matching shirts with numbers. Any player without a matching shirt will not be allowed to participate in that game. All teams must have matching shirts by the teams 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season.
9. Stealing is allowed.
10. The "Mercy Rule" will be in effect for all games. The game will be called if a team has a lead of 10 runs after 5 innings, or 15 runs after 4 innings.
11. Each batter will begin each at bat with (1) Ball, (1) Strike count. The batter will have one extra foul ball for strike three.
12. No Home Run limit. Hit as many as you can!
13. No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products permitted on the field at any time.

Keep in mind that this is a church league, and that we are to glorify God with our play, our action, and our attitudes. This is a ministry of Cathedral of Praise and is meant to be used as an outreach to our surrounding communities, as well as a time of fellowship with one another. Invite a friend, relative, neighbor, or co-worker to come out and enjoy recreational softball in a Christian atmosphere. God bless and have a wonderful season.