**BRONZE DIVISION**

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League Rules – 2023

 l.) The Bronze Division will follow the rules adopted for the

Gold Division which uses the SSUSA Rule Book available
on the League’s website {englewoodseniorsoftball.weebly.com } with the following exceptions or modifications.

 2.) Rule 2 (1) and (7) – Pitcher Safety shall be modified to read:

(1) A pitching screen is mandatory for all games and rostered pitchers are required to wear a mask.

 (7) Prior to issuing an official warning to the pitcher, the

 umpire will issue a soft warning by advising the catcher

 that the pitcher is not moving behind the screen and is

 about to get an official warning. The catcher will be

 permitted to visit the pitching mound to advise the pitcher.

 3.) Each team will have a roster consisting of a minimum of 12

 players. This rule can be modified due to player availability.

4.) If teams are short of 12 players, they may borrow a player from the other team or recruit any player at the field who is a registered as a Bronze Division player.

 5.) Bases will be set at 60 feet.

 6.) A chalk line will be used as the pitching rubber. A chalk line will

 also be used instead of a second home plate for scoring.

7.) Teams will not be allowed a courtesy runner from home plate. A perpendicular chalk line shall be drawn 40 feet from home plate towards first base. If the batter crosses this line before the first baseman receives the ball, the batter will be safe. If the batter elects to use the line, he shall be limited to a single unless he hits a home run, whichever is greater.

 8.) There can be no more than 3 players electing to use the line

 from either team. This rule can be modified in the event a

 player is injured and would require the line in order to continue

 play. Those using the line must notify the umpire before batting

 that they have the line.

 9.) The batters use of the line does not restrict players already on

 base as far as their advancing. Upon reaching the line, the batter,

 if successful, shall be deemed safe and a substitute runner may

replace him at first base.

 10.) A player may be a courtesy runner on the

 bases more than once during an inning. If a player is on base

 as a courtesy runner when it is his turn to bat, he will be

 replaced by another courtesy runner and no out will be

 recorded.

11.) As with other divisions, the batter will start with a 1-1 count. There will be no courtesy foul.

12.) A batter cannot be thrown out at first base by an outfielder. However, the rover/middle infielder can throw out a runner at first base.

13.) Each Bronze player will be limited to one over the fence home run per game; all others will become singles. If a single, any runner on base will only advance one base.

14.) On overthrows to 1st base, 3rd base, and home plate, runners can advance one base at their own peril.