

Pos	Team Name	Primary Contact	Phone	W-L-T	Percent	PF	PA	Diff	HTH
1	(2) House Elite	Matt Pastotnik	(616) 502-1006	8-2-0	0.800	164	96	68	0
2	(3) North Shore Daycare	Todd Brosseit	(616) 402-5937	6-4-0	0.600	129	101	28	0
3	(1) GH dirtbags	Matthew Braginton	(616) 502-3889	5-5-0	0.500	124	120	4	0
4	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	Ron Heiler	(989) 413-5225	1-9-0	0.100	49	149	-100	0

**1. General -** The Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) is a cooperative effort sponsored by the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Grand Haven Board of Education, City of Ferrysburg, Robinson Township, and is administered by the City of Grand Haven. The activities are conducted with the following principles:

- a. Make decisions on all protests and disputes.
- c. Has jurisdiction over questions that are not specifically covered by these rules and regulations.
- d. Resident = Lives in GHAPS District Boundaries: GH City, GH Twp., City of Ferrysburg, or Robinson Twp.

**2. Team and Player Eligibility** - Team fee must be paid before a team will be given a schedule. Players must register for a team and pay any non-resident fee if applicable online at nora.ghaps.org prior to first game played. Players must be at least 16 years old.

a. Player deadline - new players may not be added to teams for the last two scheduled (2) games (Rule doesn't include rescheduled rainout games or extra scheduled games as part of the last 2 games). If teams were short players for those games, then they would need approval from the opposing manager on site.

(Exception: player substitution from the stands agreed upon by both team managers).

b. Teams - rosters are not limited.

c. **Players** - player may play on more than one team, however, player cannot play for two teams in the same division without prior approval from both team managers (Initial on the back of the score card indicating approval)

d. **High School Students** - shall not violate the codes of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Those students participating on High School sport teams may play after their season ends.

- f. **Managers** are responsible for player eligibility. Managers are also responsible for making sure all players are on the online team roster before first game played.
- 3. Equipment
  - a. Uniforms are not necessary.
  - b. Balls game balls will be provided by teams. Additional balls may be purchased from NORA for \$5 each. Home team will provide game ball and visiting team is asked to provide back up ball.
     Ball specifications are to be used as follows: All Leagues: ASA 12" ball, COR 52/300 rating
  - c. Illegal bats are defined in the ASA Bat Certification Hand Out. If player caught batting with illegal bat, the player will be called out.
  - d. **Metal spikes** are not allowed. If a player is caught wearing metal spikes, they will be disqualified from the game. The liability of someone getting hurt by metal spikes is so great that they will not be tolerated.
  - e. Proper team Equipment is the manager's responsibility.

**4. Games** - games will not be rescheduled for team convenience. Official ASA rules will govern with the following local rule exceptions:

a. Number of players - minimum of (9) players are required to start (or continue a game). If the



#### required number of team members are not

present, the game will be a forfeit. You may pick up a player from the stands (limit 2 players/game) vs. forfeiting the game, only if both managers agree prior to the start of the game. Players from the stands can be from the same division, but only if agreed by both managers prior to the game. Both managers must put the agreed player's full name on the score sheet along with their signature. If both teams cannot agree, then game is still considered a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. Umpires will not be required to work game that is a forfeit.

b. **Coed players** - Team should consist of at least 5 female players. Teams may start the game and play with 9 on the field (4 female/5 male) with 2 females each in infield and outfield (catcher not included).

c. Games - will automatically end and are official if one team has a ten (10) run lead after 4 ½ innings with the home team ahead, or if one

team is ahead by twenty (20) runs after 3 ½ innings with home team ahead.

d. Rained Out Games - games will be rescheduled with the game starting over. However, games will be official after 4 ½ innings if home

team is ahead. Best effort will be made to reschedule rain outs on the same night of the week but if season ending dictates, games may need to be moved to another night.

e. **Coed** - Only for Coed, a line will be placed on outfield at **180ft**. Outfielders must stay behind the line until batter swings, makes contact with the ball, or until it crosses home plate (both male and female). If the line is crossed, batter will take result of play or take 1<sup>st</sup> base. All runners will advance one base if forced.

f. **Time Limits** - no new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes from start of game with game being official regardless of inning.

g. **Tied games** - if a game is tied, it may continue until tie is broken at end of complete inning. First game can continue within the 1 hour and 10 minute time limit until 9 innings, second game until darkness (exception: Mulligan's Hollow). Umpires time is official.

h. **Tie Breaker Rule -** If after the completion of seven (7) innings of play, the score is tied, the following tiebreaker rule will be played to determine a winning team. Starting the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter if time permitted, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning be placed on second base (ei., If the number five batter is the lead off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base). If the tie is not broken in the allotted time, then the tie game will be rescheduled only if it affects the team league standings for first place.

i. Batter counts: Men's and Co-ed are a 1-1 count on the batter with no grace foul.

j. **The Extra Hitter** - (EH) rule will not be in effect due to unlimited substitution rule. (See Unlimited Substitution Rule)

#### k. HOME RUN LIMIT=

**Men's & Coed: 2 HOME RUN LIMIT.** When one team reaches 2 home runs they have to wait until the opposing team reaches 2 home runs before they are allowed another home run. If they do hit a home run before the opposing team hits 2 home runs the batter who hit the 3rd home run is out. Once each team reaches 2 home runs then it goes to 1 home run per team until the opposing team also hits 1 home run. If the team hits 2 home runs before the opposing team hits 1 home run the batter is considered out. If a female hits a home run, it does not count against the team's 2 home run limit.

#### \*A team may NOT go one up in the last inning.

**Coed and Men's B: Run Limit per Inning** - 10 runs is the max scored by one team in an inning, until the last inning.



I. MERCY RULE: Mercy is 20 runs ahead after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings.

#### 5. Unlimited Substitution Rule -

- a. All players first and last names must be listed in batting order for entire game.
- b. If a player comes late for a game that player must be added to end of existing batting order. If a player is not present, do not put in batting order.
- c. If a player listed in batting order of a team using the "unlimited" substitution is taken out of game for injury or having to leave game early, that position in batting order is skipped with no penalty.
- d. If a player reaches base safely, men's division has the option of using a courtesy runner, (1 per inning). The courtesy runner must be the last out. If there were not any outs in the game yet, then the courtesy runner would be the last person in the line up. Coed can use 1 courtesy runner for a male and 1 for a female per inning with the courtesy runner being the same gender as the person they are running for. If a person is injured going to a base, they may use a courtesy runner as long as one has not been used in that inning. The runner they would use is the runner who would have come in to run for them when they reached the original base. The injured player may reenter the game later.
- e. Free substitution will be in effect at the beginning of each half inning for team taking field. Once half inning has started, the defense can only make one defensive substitution change except for an injured player or replacement of pitcher.
- f. The unlimited substitution rule is designed to enable a team to play as many players as possible.
- g. No stealing in these slow pitch leagues.

6. Regular Substitution - allows teams to play and list 10 players in the batting order. Because "unlimited" substitution rule allows skipping a batting spot with no penalty if a player is injured or having to leave game early, a team playing with 10 players under regular substitution rule and dropping to 9 players may also skip that position in the batting order without penalty.

**7. Appeal Plays** - umpires will call runner out for missing a base or leaving a base before fly ball is caught when play ends. All consequences remain the same if appealed. Appeals may still be made for batting out of order or illegal re-entry.

**8. Protests** - no protest will be accepted on judgment calls. No protest will be considered unless made in accordance with ASA rules. Managers must inform umpires before ball is put back in play that the game is being played under protest. The umpire then will note protest on score sheet. You must file a protest within 48 hours of the game, along with a \$25 protest fee.

9. Rained Out Games - Rain outs will be announced at 4pm day of game. Information on cancellation of games due to rain or severe weather will be posted on NORA website, NORA Facebook Page, NORA Instagram and on REMIND. Cancellations will also be announced on WGHN FM (92.1). If decision to play game is made at the field the umpire will decide if field is playable. Teams should report to field if in doubt.
10. Conduct of Players - unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, obscene language, unnecessary roughness, threatening comments will not be tolerated on or off the playing field. Umpires have authority and are asked to eject any player from games for unsportsmanlike conduct. The Recreation Department has the authority to suspend any player or manager for just cause. Anyone caught in the use of profanity will be ejected from game and suspended for the next game.

a. Any player, coach or manager ejected from game is automatically suspended from that person's next game in our leagues. Upon review,

The Recreation Department may suspend player, coach or manager indefinitely. Player shall not be present at their team games during

suspension.

b. Managers or players ejected from game must leave ball field and park or their team will forfeit the game.

c. Players found guilty of false registration, i.e. assumed names, fictitious address, falsifying age, etc, are liable to



suspension. Managers

- playing ineligible players are also liable to suspension and forfeit game(s).
- e. Smoking will not be allowed on playing field or in coach's boxes. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any field at anytime with players liable to suspension or forfeit game.
- 11. Score sheets will be provided to umpires before start of season. Umpire will provide score sheet. One score sheet will be used with correct team name and batting order filled out with both first and last names of players (printed legibly) before start of game. Revised 2019



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### **Game Schedule**

					Score			
Date	Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team	Н	Α	Туре	Status
Thu 05/12/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(1) GH dirtbags	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	17	9	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(2) House Elite	(3) North Shore Daycare	16	6	RS	
Thu 05/19/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	(3) North Shore Daycare	1	12	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(1) GH dirtbags	(2) House Elite	12	11	RS	
Thu 05/26/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(2) House Elite	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	14	7	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(3) North Shore Daycare	(1) GH dirtbags	16	13	RS	
Thu: 00/00/0000	6:15 PM				-	15	RS	
Thu 06/02/2022	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mercury Park Softball Field @ Mercury Park	<ul><li>(4) Nazarene Ninjas</li><li>(3) North Shore</li><li>Daycare</li></ul>	<ul><li>(1) GH dirtbags</li><li>(2) House Elite</li></ul>	5 25	-	RS	
			(3) North Shore					
Thu 06/09/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	Daycare	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	12	2	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(2) House Elite	(1) GH dirtbags	18	8	RS	
Thu 06/16/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	(2) House Elite	5	21	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(1) GH dirtbags	(3) North Shore Daycare	11	18	RS	
Thu 06/23/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mercury Park	(1) GH dirtbags	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	18	3	RS	
1110 00/23/2022	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mercury Park	(1) Off diffbags (2) House Elite	(3) North Shore Daycare	15	-	RS	
Thu 06/30/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	(3) North Shore Daycare	7	6	RS	



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Date	Time	Location	Home Team	Away Team	н	Α	Туре	Status
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Hofma Park	(1) GH dirtbags	(2) House Elite	10	19	RS	
Thu 07/07/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(2) House Elite	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	15	5	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mulligan's Hollow	(3) North Shore Daycare	(1) GH dirtbags	16	1	RS	
Thu 07/14/2022	6:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mercury Park	(4) Nazarene Ninjas	(1) GH dirtbags	5	19	RS	
	7:15 PM	Softball Field @ Mercury Park	(3) North Shore Daycare	(2) House Elite	13	16	RS	

Type: RS - Regular Season Game PS - Pre Season Game PL - Playoff Game PR - Practice

Status: C - Canceled P - Postponed R - Rescheduled