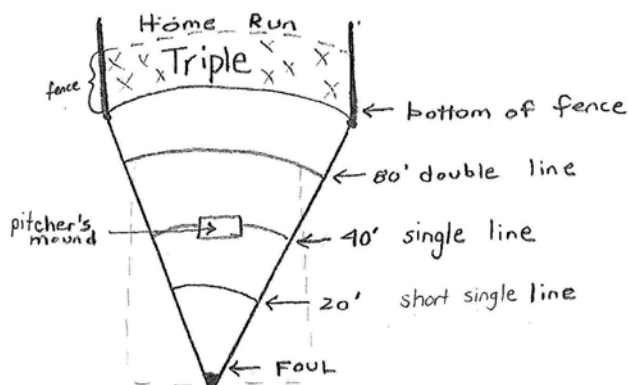


## Upper Moreland Parks & Recreation Wiffle Ball tournament Updated January 2012

1. No base running.
2. Teams shall carry at least 3 and no more than 5 players on their roster. Teams may finish a game with one less player than they started with, but an out will be recorded each time that player was to bat.
3. Lineup cards (batting orders) must be submitted to the field marshal prior to the start of the game.
4. Teams may field 2 or 3 players on defense, but may have up to 5 batters. Anything less than 2 is a forfeit.
5. A game may end with fewer players than were listed on the lineup card however an out will be recorded every time the absent player would have batted. If a player is ejected from a team listing a 5-person lineup OR you do not have a substitute listed on your roster that is available to play, an automatic out will be recorded each time that player would have batted. If two players are ejected from the same team during a game a forfeit is declared.
6. All fielders must bat. Batters MUST have two hands on the bat through his/her entire swing. A one-handed swing shall be a strike. Exception: If an out is made as a result of a one-handed swing, the out shall be recorded.
7. Strike zone target will be provided. Strike zone will be a low beach chair OR something similar but will be that size (approx. 12" off the ground with the target being approx. 20" X 30"). All fields will have the same strike zone.
8. A pitched ball that hits the batter is a ball, although the batter must attempt to avoid being hit. Batter makes all fair and foul calls. Base hit line calls are made by the fielder closest to the play. Pitcher makes check swing calls and close ball/strike calls. (See rule #32 for disputes)
9. Games will be played on the Masons Mill (regulations size) tennis courts OR the outfield of Masons Mill #1 softball field. Field dimensions (approximate):

### From Home Plate

- To Short Singles line = 20'
- To pitchers mound / singles line = 40'
- Single area from 40' – 80'
- Double area from 80' – 100' (batted ball hits in front of the fence)
- Triple area will begin at the bottom of the fence (100' from home plate) to a height of 7' up the fence
- Home Run area will be on the fence from 7' to OVER the fence
- Foul poles will be the light posts between tennis courts – approx. width of the field at the widest point is 60'
- Rear point of home plate shall be where the two points of the foul line touch
- Strike zone shall be placed 1 bat length from the rear point of home plate



10. Pitch count-
  - A walk is 4 balls.
  - Any combination of 3 fouls or strikes is an out.
11. No excessive speed pitching. Excessive speed is to be determined by the field marshal. Penalty – pitched ball is declared a ball in the pitch count. Pitcher will get two warnings and on the third warning, that player may not pitch any more during that game.
12. Foul balls-
  - a. Any batted ball not reaching the short singles line (20') in the AIR
  - b. Any batted ball that lands outside of the playing field in foul territory
  - c. A legal ground ball that goes into foul territory before it is fielded and before it reaches the doubles line

13. Singles –
  - a. Fair ball hitting the ground beyond the single line (40') and before the doubles line in the air shall be a single. All runners advance one base.
  - b. Fair ground ball hitting in the air in fair territory beyond the short single line (20') and before the singles line (40') and is *not fielded cleanly* before it reaches the doubles line is a single. All runners advance one base. (double plays...see rule 17)
  - c. Ground ball hitting in the air in fair territory beyond the short singles (20') line and before the singles line (40'), which is fielded cleanly in fair territory before reaching the doubles line, is an out. Runners do not advance.
  - d. A ball hit in the air in fair territory, which touches a fielder in the air and subsequently hits the ground in fair territory shall be a base hit. (as determined by note below)
  - e. A ball hit in the air in fair territory, which touches a fielder in the air and subsequently hits the ground in foul territory shall be a base hit. (as determined by note below)

**Note:** Any ball hitting a fielder in the air in fair territory, which is not fielded cleanly, and subsequently hits the ground, or the fence or goes over the fence, is a base hit. The type of hit (i.e. single, double, triple or home run) is determined by either where the fielder contacted the ball initially, or where the ball contacted the ground, fence, etc. The advantage goes to the hitter. (Examples: 1.) A line drive hitting the fielder in the singles area and drops to the ground in the doubles area, shall be a double. 2.) A line drive hitting the fielder in the doubles area which is not fielded cleanly and subsequently hits the fence in the triples area shall be a triple. 3.) A line drive hitting the fielder in the singles area and subsequently drops to the ground in foul territory shall be a single.)

14. Doubles- Fair ball reaching the doubles line in the air shall be a double and all runners advance two bases.
15. Triples- Fair ball reaching the triples line in the air shall be a triple and all runners advance three bases.
16. Home runs- Fair ball hitting over the Home Run line in the air shall be a home run.
17. Double plays- ground ball fielded cleanly and then immediately thrown to hit the strike zone in the air. Only in effect with less than two outs and with a runner on base where there is a force play. Lead runner is removed. Runners do not advance on missed attempt. Fly balls are NOT eligible for double plays. (double play attempts are ONLY possible in the case of rule 13b)
18. Imaginary runners on base advance as hitter does. Exception: on a walk, runners will advance ONLY if forced
19. UMT will supply bats and balls for this tournament. This is the only equipment allowed to be used during the tournament. Official wiffle balls with 8 elongated holes will be used.
20. Balls may not be intentionally scuffed or sanded. No ball with a crack greater than 1/4" may be used. All balls are subject to approval by the field marshal. New balls may be entered into the game by the field marshal at any time.
21. Pitchers will be given a maximum 3 balls per game & will be inspected by the field marshal.
22. All field players AND batters must play bare handed.
23. Fielders can position as they wish in fair territory without obstructing the batter.
24. Pitcher must have both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate for one full second to start his/her delivery. One foot must be in contact with the plate at time of delivery.
25. Each game is 5 innings long. If game is tied after 5 innings, the 6<sup>th</sup> begins with the bases loaded. If the game remains a tie after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning one game of rock/paper/scissors will determine the winner...exception will be in playoffs
26. Game is official after 4 innings, with a 10 run rule after 4 innings. Games will be played in any weather conditions.
27. The rules of major league baseball shall apply to all situations not covered by these rules.
28. Alcohol will not be permitted on the premises.
29. Any Parks & Recreation Dept. Staff or any tournament official may eject any player, coach, manager, or fan that interferes with proper functioning of the tournament, park, or facility.
30. No refunds of team fees or forfeit fees will be provided to ejected teams as a result of improper actions or conduct at field sites.
31. Unruly conduct will not be tolerated. Penalties include but are not limited to-
  - Ejection from the game.
  - Forfeit of the game.
  - Ejection from the tournament.
32. Any on-field opinion disputes will be determined by one game of rock/paper/scissors.
33. Any rule interpretation questions will be directed to the tournament official.