



Co-Ed Softball League RULES

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Our first and most important rule is to have fun! Like all recreational sports, everyone comes out for a good time, so please exercise sportsmanship! Any rule not defined below will be played as an official USA Softball rule.

Softballs:

- *Each team will be issued a bucket of softballs at the start of the season. You are responsible for bringing your softballs to and from your games. Both 11" and 12" softballs will be supplied. Males must hit with a 12" softball, females will use 11" softball. If a female accidentally gets pitched and hits a 12" softball, they can choose to keep the outcome or re-hit with an 11".*

Players:

- *ALL players must be signed up on League Apps.*
- *Each team must have a minimum of 8 players to start each game. For Coed play, of these 8 players, at least 4 must be female. If a team had 5 males and 4 females this combination would be acceptable. Teams would not be allowed to play with 6 males and 4 females. If a team had 8 females to start the game this would be acceptable. If a team does not have an adequate number of players at game time that game will be considered a forfeit.*
 - *You may bat as many on your lineup as you want, but if you bat 15 (or set number) you must bat 15 the whole game.*
- *Players arriving late may have their name added to the bottom of the order; names must be added prior to the start of the game. They are an out if they are not present for their at bat.*
- *Player Combinations*
 - *5 males/4 females - OK*
 - *4 males/5 females - OK*
 - *4 males/6 females - OK*
 - *10 females - OK*
 - *6 males/4 females - NOT OK*
- *Coed defensive positioning shall include 2 males and 2 females in the outfield, 2 males and 2 females in the infield and 1 male and 1 female at the pitcher/catcher positions. If your team is playing with less than 10 players you must have a battery that contains a male and female.*
- *League rules require a team to have at least 8 players to start a game. If you know that your team will not have enough players on a given night please call your opponent's team manager and also Recreation Specialist before 1:00 p.m. on the night your team participates in league play.*

Gameplay:

- *If a man is walked, he is awarded two bases. If there are two outs, the next batter (female) has a choice of walking or hitting.*
- *Teams are allowed one male and one female courtesy runner per inning. Additionally, the pitcher of record may have a courtesy runner any time that he or she is on base.*
- *Extra Innings: The last player to bat in the previous inning will be placed on second base at the beginning of all extra innings. A courtesy runner may not be used in this instance.*

Batting Order:

- *Alternate batting order by sexes.*

Shorthanded rule:

- *If a player must leave the game and there is not a substitute available, when it's that players' turn at bat, an out is declared.*

Regulation Game:

- *Consists of seven innings*
 - *If a game cannot be continued (for example, due to weather or daylight), 5 innings is an official game. Game can utilize the 4th inning score if bottom half of the 5th cannot be played and the home team is ahead.*
 - *If time limit is met, game will be final when that inning is completed.*
- *No new inning shall start after 1 hour has elapsed*
- *Run rule; 20 runs after 3, 15 runs after 4, 10 runs after 5*
- *Tie games shall be completed, last person out the previous inning will start the extra inning on second base*

Strike Zone:

- *Games will be player umped.*
- *Mats are provided. Strike zone mat will indicate strikes and balls.*
- *Players start with one strike (1-1) count when at bat.*

Home Runs:

- *3 per game*

Ejection/Suspension Policy:

- *Any team disregarding or violating the rules and policies set forth by this league may be suspended from further league play.*

Profanity:

- *Keep to the nature of creating a positive environment*
- *Can give warning*
- *If applied, an out occurs*
 - *While batting – called out*
 - *If it occurs while the ball is in play/dead ball; results in the next batter being out*
 - *If in the field, next batter is out when at bat*

Alcohol:

- *We ask that you be respectful and any player/fan may be asked to leave by staff*

"No-Shows"/Allotted notice:

- *A "no-show" is when you do not provide 12-hour notice that you will not make your game or do not show for your game; it will be recorded as a forfeit. If a team "no-shows"/forfeits twice in one season, they will forfeit their registration and the remainder of the season.*

Team Rankings:

- *Rankings are calculated based on the total overall game wins, followed by head-to-head matchups and point differentials.*