

# Co-Ed Softball League Rules

## The Game

Matching Uniforms will be required for all players; Uniforms must have a 6" number on the back.

Games will be 55 Minutes in length, if time is showing on the clock when the 3 out occurs the new inning has started. The Umpire will announce the last inning at the top of the inning that is deemed to be the last.

No metal spikes will be allowed.

The league will furnish official softballs. Women will hit an 11" ball and Men will hit a 12" ball.

Teams must plan on starting at their scheduled time. **First game will be 6:30.**

Mercy rules; 15 after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings.

To start the game, you must have 6 players. Less than 8 players in the batting order will result in 1 auto out. No more than 1 auto out charged per line-up. There must be at least 4 males and 4 female players on the field at all times. Teams must have a male / female, pitcher / catcher combination.

When a female batter is up to bat, all **Male** outfielders must stay behind the outfield line until the ball is hit. And all **Male** infielders must be on the dirt until the ball is hit. Women may play in-front of line and on grass while playing infield.

The Park Supervisor is empowered to call the game at any time because of darkness, rain or other causes which place the patrons or players in peril.

If a player is ejected from the game and there are no appropriate substitutions available, there will be an automatic out when that batters spot comes up.

The Umpire may remove any player, coach, or spectator from any game at any time.

All players must be on the team roster in-order to play. If a team is caught with illegal players, they will not be part of the post season tournament. Rosters will be frozen after September 3rd.

## Pitching / Hitting

The arc on the pitch must be over the batters head, up to 12 feet, anything out of this range will be considered a ball. If the batter swings at a pitch outside of this range it will be considered a strike.

If a pitched ball hits the plate or the mat it will be considered a Strike.

With 2 strikes the batter will only receive 1 foul ball, if he/she hits another foul ball the batter will be called out.

Batting order should alternate male / female 2 females may bat in a row but not 2 males. **Batting out of order**, if error is discovered while incorrect batter is at bat, the correct batter takes his/her place and assumes any balls or strikes. If the error is discovered after the incorrect batter has batted, and before the first pitch to the following batter, the player who should have batted is out. Any advance or score made because of the batted ball shall be nullified. The female batting line may slide to allow more men to bat. (slide: must stay the same but may slide in-order to continue male/female batting.)

When a male batter is walked he automatically advances to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. The next batter (female) may choose to bat or to advance to first base.

Home Run Rule: Each team may hit three home runs without penalty. Once to 3 homeruns that team may not hit another home run until their opponent has hit 3. Then a 1 up home run rule will govern. Any home run that is hit when one is not allowed will be an out and a dead ball.

Pinch Runners will be allowed for any player that is injured or just plain old. There will be a limit of 2 runners per inning so choose wisely. If a pinch runner is on base when their spot in the line up comes up and out will be called.

## Player Conduct

Un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated, any form of cheating including inaccurate information, swearing, using foul or abusive language, fighting will be cause for ejection from the game, if a player is ejected a second time they will be suspended for the rest of the season including tournaments and all fees will be forfeited.