

CO-ED SOFTBALL RULES

1. Those who are freshmen in High School or older are eligible to play.
2. **All players** must be listed on the roster and **must sign the player agreement forms** in order to be eligible. Improperly registered players will constitute team forfeiture of games wherein such players participate.
3. Rosters shall be kept current at all times by notifying the Recreation Department of any additions or deletions.
4. Rosters will be final with no additions accepted after August 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Recreation Department must be notified by that time.
5. Players may switch teams for any reason up through August 19, 2016. The Recreation Department must be notified by that time.
6. Rules for league and tournament play shall be those in the USSSA approved rule book for 2016, with the following exceptions:
 - a) One inning consists of each team batting through their line-up once.
 - b) A line-up consists of a maximum of 10 players (with no more than five men playing on the field at one time.)
 - c) Outs have no bearing on when the team's time at bat has ended.
 - d) After a team has batted through their line-up once, the opposing team bats through their line-up to complete the inning.
 - e) Substitutions may only be made from the roster into the line-up at the top of the inning. The substitute must play a complete inning before being replaced. Free substitution is allowed under the above mentioned conditions. (Injuries exempt) If a girl ends up being last bat & team wants to move her from last bat – team must have man sit out a complete inning before being placed as last batter. (If already playing with 6 women, man can come in as last batter at top of inning) (Coach MUST inform umpire) (You can still play with 10 players - 6 women 4 men)
 - f) To end team's time at bat with the last batter up, play must be caught fly ball, or ball thrown to home plate.
 - g) Safety Home Plate will be used. All runners **MUST** go to safety home plate or they will be called out. If runner crosses commitment line, they must go to safety home plate and it becomes a force play at home...defensive team must make throw or touch original home plate – if they tag the runner or try to make play at safety home plate – runner is safe. If runner doesn't cross commitment line, they can go back to 3rd base and defense could tag them out between commitment line and 3rd base. (Exception – last batter play)
 - h) Batting team supplies their own pitcher. (Pitcher doesn't have to bat in game, but must be on roster and eligible.) Men receive 2 pitches, women 3 pitches. A foul ball hit off the last pitch is an out...runners can advance on caught fly ball. (with exception of last batter)
 - i) Sliding is allowed. However, any base runner crashing or sliding into a player in an attempt to dislodge the ball or prevent a double play will be called out and ejected from the game.
 - j) There will be a 175 ft. line in the outfields. Four fielders must remain behind that line until the man/woman has hit the ball. Exception - 8 or less players - 3 players must play behind the line. Penalty: batter and runner automatically get one base or whatever they can safely advance.
7. Each game will consist of seven innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. No new innings after 55 minutes.
8. A team must begin at scheduled time. Remember...no more than 5 men can play on the field at one time.
9. Uniforms will be optional as will be the numbers on such uniforms.
10. Each team must provide a scorekeeper for each scheduled game (league play).
11. Each player is required to play in **5 league games** to participate in the league tournament. **NO FORFEITS**. Players must show up to be counted on eligibility. (This includes scorekeepers and pitchers. Be sure they are in score book.)
12. Double Elimination Tournament with drop down (3 game guarantee) – September 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2016.
13. Are required to keep set batting order when you substitute players. Person coming in must bat in the place of the person coming out.
14. Put picture of league winners in the paper.
15. Player fees, roster forms, participation forms due Friday, August 19, 2016 by 5:00 pm.
16. Home run rule – One home run per team/per inning – anyone else hitting home run is an out.
17. Will switch balls – men will use 12" ball, women 11" ball. If men use 11" ball, penalty will be loss of that pitch or have option of taking out if out was result of play. Women may use 12" ball without penalty.
18. Pitch no closer than 40 ft. pitchers mound. (Enforced) Pitcher must use fielding glove. **No Women Pitchers!** Wearing Pitcher's mask is optional.
19. Cap player fees at 13 players per team.
20. Use flip flop rule if team is ahead 7-10 runs in last inning.
21. Use USSSA stamped bat only.
22. Courtesy Runner at any time but must be agreed by both teams before game begins.
23. No metal cleats.
24. No more than 5 people behind line burned in grass on last batter.
25. All infield players stay on dirt when woman is at bat...5 on dirt – 4 behind line burned in grass.