

Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Rules

Co Ed Adult Softball Rules

Tennis shoes or rubber-cleated shoes must be worn. Metal cleats are illegal. Shoes deemed to be unsafe by the Supervisor or Umpire will also be prohibited.

GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME! Teams must be ready to play at scheduled time with a minimum of 8 players. Penalty: Forfeit. Home team is determined by a pre-game coin toss.

1. Seven innings will constitute an official game, unless time limit, rain or run rule prevails. 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) is an official game. **If a game is postponed while in progress, it will be resumed at the point from which it was stopped.**
2. **No new inning will be started after 55 minutes.** Game time begins with the coin toss. At the end of the time limit (upon completion of inning started), the game will be called, rain, or run rule have been invoked.
3. A team leading by 15+ runs after three innings or 10+ runs after five innings (4 ½ innings if home team is ahead) or any complete inning thereafter will be declared the winner and the game complete.
4. A team may place a maximum of 15 and minimum of 8 players in the batting order. There are no restrictions concerning field substitution but, the batting order must remain the same.
5. If a team begins with only 8 players they may add players at the bottom of the batting order up until all players in the line-up have batted once.
6. Whenever a team is playing with only nine players, an out will be taken when the 10th position in the batting order appears.
7. When the batter enters the batter's box he/she will have the count of one ball and one strike. After the batter has received a count of three strikes, he/she will be declared out. If the batter has two strikes and hits a foul ball, the batter will receive another pitch. If they hit a second foul ball, the batter will be called out.
8. All players in the field (maximum of 10, minimum of 8) must appear in the batting order Defensive changes are unlimited provided that the game is not unduly delayed.

9. **Courtesy runners will be allowed** for injured players. The courtesy runner must be of the same gender. (over)
10. A pitch delivered legally with the proper arc requirement that crosses the plate within the strike zone will be called a **strike**. The strike zone is that space over any part of home plate, between the batter's back shoulder and front knee, when s/he assumes a natural batting stance. The pitch, delivered with an underhand motion, must have a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum of 12 feet.
11. If the catcher in any way obstructs the umpire's view, the pitch shall be declared a ball.
12. Teams must start a game with an equal amount of gender or have more females than males.
13. If a Male is walked the female has the option to walk or hit.
14. The batting order must rotate male female.

The Ball Will be 12" Softballs