



2017 Adult Softball League Rules

**ASA rules will apply and will be enforced for your safety as well as others.
However, league rules may override ASA rules.*

Roster Requirements

- All players must sign the *Team Roster and Consent* form before playing. If player(s) have not signed, they cannot play.
- Team rosters and signatures are due 15 minutes before the start of each team's first game. Recreation staff will release the game ball once both teams have submitted signed rosters. Teams who have not submitted a completed and signed roster 15 minutes before their pre-season games start time will forfeit the game. If at any time during the season a team allows a new player on the field before that player has signed the *Team Roster and Consent* form, the team will forfeit any games that player has played in, even if the player signs by the end of the game.
- All rosters must consist of a minimum of 12 players and maximum of 20.
- On the "*Team Roster and Consent*" form, each team must list a manager as the primary contact for the Recreation Department to communicate with.

Players and Participation

- A player has until the start of the 2nd game of the season to change teams, and may change teams only once.
- New players may be added at any time but they must sign the *Team Roster and Consent* form before playing in their first game.
- Women may only play on 1 COED team and men may only play on 1 COED team and 1 men's team.
- Minimum participation age is 16. Those who are 16 or 17 must have a signed parental waiver before they can play.
- If a parental waiver form is not signed and the 16 or 17-year-old plays in a game, that player's team will forfeit any game he or she has played in.

Manager Responsibilities

- It is the manager's responsibility to inform the team of and implement all league policies and rules.
- Managers must present a lineup to the umpire/scorekeeper with players' names and numbers by the start of the game.

Sportsmanship

- All umpire calls are final
 - Only the team manager may ask umpires for clarification of rules or information on infractions and ejections, or bring team concerns to the Recreation Department.
 - No other player shall discuss a decision reached by an umpire.
- If a player's conduct disrupts the game, the game will be stopped. However, the game end time will not be pushed back for the time it takes to resolve the issue.
- Foul language, out of control tempers or unnecessary roughness are not tolerated in this recreational league.
- Umpires may eject any player, spectator, or manager from the facility for refusing to follow game or facility rules, or for disrespectful, unsafe or unsportsmanlike conduct or for any abusive language.
- Players who make bodily contact or threatening gestures against any umpire or field supervisor will be removed from the Adult Softball League.
- Umpires may forfeit any game in which they feel their own or other's safety is threatened and may call the police.

City of Page Alcohol Regulations

- § 93.02 SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS PROHIBITED.
No person shall possess or consume spirituous liquors* on any city-owned or operated parks/ recreation area. (1976 Code, § 3-9-2) (Ord. 171, passed 11-13-1986) Penalty, see § [93.99](#)

***SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR.** Includes alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, tequila, mescal, gin, wine, porter, ale, beer, any malt liquor, malt beverage, absinthe or compound or mixture of any of them, or of any of them with any vegetable or other substance, alcohol bitters, bitters containing alcohol, and any liquid mixture or preparation, whether patented or otherwise, which produces intoxication, fruits preserved in ardent spirits, and beverages containing more than 0.5% of alcohol by volume. (1976 Code, § 3-9-1) (Ord. 171, passed 11-13-1986)

- **§ 93.99 PENALTY.**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and each person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day a portion thereof during which any violation of the provisions of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted and upon conviction of any such violations, such persons shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. (1976 Code, § 3-9-6) (Ord. 171, passed 11-13-1986)

Facility Rules

- In addition to the City of Page alcohol prohibition, the Recreation department prohibits tobacco products on the Sports Complex premises.
- Anyone under the influence of alcohol, or illegal substances will be asked to leave the Sports Complex
- No pets are allowed in the Sports Complex premises.
- No person shall bring any glass container into any park or recreation area in the city. (1976 Code, § 3-9-5) (Ord. 147-85, passed 9-12-1985) Penalty, see § [93.99](#)
- No person may ride bikes, skateboards, scooters, skates or any other wheeled vehicles inside the Sports Complex. (These vehicles may be walked/carried in the Sports Complex.)
- No climbing on fences, trees, planter boxes and other facility structures not designed for play or climbing.
- Pick up all trash and place in trash cans and recycling bins.
- Only coaches/managers and players are permitted in the dugouts.
- Children under the age of 8 must be attended by an adult.

Changes or cancellations

Page Recreation Department reserves the right to change or cancel any game(s) in the event of inclement weather and/or other conditions beyond their control.

Forfeited Games

Games will be forfeited in the following situations

- If a team does not have at least 8 eligible players on the field ready to play within 5 minutes after the scheduled game time.
- If a team fails to resume play within 2 minutes after the umpire has called for resumption of play.
- If any rule is willfully violated after fair warning from the umpire.
- If any order for a removal of a player or coach by the umpire or field supervisor is not carried out within 2 minutes.
- The time reserved for forfeited games belongs to those who showed (They may use the field for practice or for a non-officiated practice game).

Bats

- All ASA bats must clearly have the 2000, 2004, or 2013 ASA stamp and not be on the non-approved bat list (list can be obtained from recreation office).
- No composite double wall or triple wall bats are allowed.

Game length

- Games are 1 hour long; no new inning shall start after 1 hour or 7 innings from the designated starting time unless the game is tied (game time not to exceed 1 hour 15 min).

- **Tie-Breaker Rule**—If after 7 innings or the time limit is reached and there is a tie, then each team will begin their next half inning with a runner on second base (the runner will be the last batter to make an out in the previous inning) and the batter will be the next batter in the line-up.
- That one batter is given the chance to score, and then the teams switch.
- If the score remains tied, the same process is used until one team scores more runs than the other team in the extra inning(s).
- A substitute may be used for the runner.

Fielding positions

- In COED, there will be a maximum of 10 players on the field, consisting of 5 men and 5 women; with no more than 2 men and at least 2 women in the outfield and the infield with one woman and one man as pitcher and catcher.
- Men's and COED, teams may start with 8 players, however COED teams must have at least 4 women to start the game.

Batting

- Batters will have a one ball, one-strike count upon entering the batter's box.
- Leadoff COED batters may be of either gender; however female batters must always follow male batters, including at the end of the batting order. If a man ends the order, a man may not start the batting order.
- In COED, women may bat back to back.
- Men may not bat back to back. An automatic out will be assessed between the two men batting in a row (This includes if a male batter is the last batter in the previous inning and in the next inning the player starts with a male batter).
- If a male batter is walked, he is awarded 2nd base.
 - The next female batter has to hit if less than 2 outs.
 - With two outs, until the time female batters step into the batter box, they have the option of walking or hitting.
- Bunting is not allowed.
- At the umpire's discretion, any batters who throw bats in a negative manner or locations that could cause injury will be called out.

Courtesy runners

- MENS: 1 courtesy runner per inning, per team.
- COED: 1 courtesy runner, per gender, per inning, per team.
- A batter must reach 1st base before a courtesy runner is allowed.
- A courtesy runner may be used if that person will be the last out for the team.
- If a team reaches the end of the lineup with no outs, the last runner of the same gender to score may be a courtesy runner.

Plays

- All players must try to avoid collisions at all times.
- If there is a play at 2nd base and a player running to 2nd base does not slide or move out of the way an interference will be called and a double play will be assessed.
- COED men are not allowed to throw from outfield to 1st base.
- When COED women bat, all outfielders must remain in the grass area at an equal distance until the ball is hit.

Alternate Base Rule

- In the men's league, there is no commitment line or alternate home base line used.
- All COED players will run to the alternate home base or baseline from 3rd base; or they will be called out.
- Runners passing the commitment line from 3rd base to home, may not return to 3rd base.

Infield Fly Rule

- Batters are out when an infield fly is declared by the umpire (An infield fly is a fair fly ball that the umpire judges, can be caught by an infielder, pitcher, or catcher with ordinary effort and when there are runners on 1st and 2nd base or 1st, 2nd and 3rd base and less than 2 outs)

Pitches or Pitching

- A strike is called when:
 - a legal pitch hits the plate or the carpet
 - a batter swings and misses the ball
 - a batter hits a foul ball.
- A legal pitch will be between a 6 feet arch to a 12 feet arch.
- Pitcher protection will be in effect; meaning that if the batter hits the ball back to the pitcher, **and** is within the knee area to 2 feet above the pitcher vertically, **and** is within the pitcher plate horizontally, the batter will be called out.

Home Run Rule

For Men's and COED, both teams are limited to 3 over the fence homeruns per game. The ball will be called a dead ball out for any more than 3 over the fence homeruns.

Run Ahead Rule

- 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, or 10 after 5 innings.
- Managers are solely responsible for the actions of his/her team as well as their spectators.

**A copy of the ASA TEAM RULE BOOK can be obtained at the Page Sports Complex.*

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