

2016 Adult Softball League Rules

1. All players must sign the team waiver form. This form will act as the team roster. If a player has not signed, they cannot play. All rosters must consist of a minimum of 12 players and maximum of 20. Minimum participation age is 16. Those who are 16 or 17 must have a signed parental waiver before they can play.
2. ASA rules will apply and will be enforced for your safety as well as others. **However, league rules may override ASA rules.**
3. **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.
4. **Forfeited Games:** Forfeit time is 5 minutes after game time listed on the schedule. 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.
5. **Players:** A player has until the start of the 2nd game of the season to change teams. You can change teams only once during the season. New players may be added at any time. A player can only play on 1 COED team and for men, they may play only on one COED team and 1 men's team.
6. **Game length:** Games are 1 hour long; no new inning shall start after 1 hour or 7 innings from the recorded 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.
7. **Fielding positions:** In COED, there will be a max of 10 players on the field, consisting of 5 men and 5 women; must have no more than 2 men and at least 2 women in the outfield and the infield with one female and one male

as pitcher and catcher. If a team is shorthanded, teams can start with 8 players (same for Men and COED). However for COED, if shorthanded, you must have at least 4 women to start the game.

8. **Batting**: The batter will have a one ball, one-strike count upon entering the batter's box. In COED, the leadoff batter may be of either gender; however, the following batters must alternate between male and female throughout the remaining batting order. Any walk to a male batter results in that batter being awarded 2nd base. In addition, the next female batter has to hit **if** less than 2 outs. With two outs, the female batter has the option of walking or hitting, up until the time she steps into the batter box.
9. **Batting continued**: Bunting is not allowed. At the discretion of the umpire, if a batter throws the bat after hitting the ball, where it may cause injury, they will be called out. In COED, women may bat back to back. Men may bat back to back, but 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.
10. **Courtesy runners**: 1 courtesy runner will be allowed per inning, per team. Batter must reach 1st base before a courtesy runner is allowed. In COED, 1 courtesy runner, per inning, per gender, per team is allowed. Courtesy runner(s) must be last out, if no outs then the last batter in the line up. If at the end of the line up, then the last runner to score.
11. **Plays**: All players must try to avoid collisions at all times. A player running to 2nd base must slide or get out of the way if there is a play at 2nd base or an interference will be called and a double play will be assessed. In COED, men are not allowed to throw from outfield to 1st base. And when a woman is at bat, all outfielders must remain in the grass area at an equal distance until the ball is hit.
12. **Alternate base rule**: In the men's league, there is no commitment line or alternate home base line used. For COED, all players will run to the alternate home base or baseline from 3rd base; otherwise, the runner will be called out. Also if a runner pasts the commitment line from 3rd base to home, the runner cannot return to 3rd base.

13. **Infield fly rule**: Batter is out when an infield fly is declared by the umpire. An infield fly is a fair fly ball that, in the judgement of the umpire, 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.
14. **Pitches or pitching**: A strike is any legal pitch that hits the plate or the carpet, any ball swung at and missed, or any foul ball. A legal pitch will be between a 6 feet arch to a 12 feet arch. Pitcher protection will be in effect; this means 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, then the batter will be called out.
15. **Home run rule**: For Men and COED, three (3) home run (over the fence) limit per team per game. Any excess of three will be called a dead ball out.
16. **Run ahead rule**: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, or 10 after 5 innings.
17. Managers are solely responsible for the actions of his/her team as well as their spectators.
18. **NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO** allowed inside the gates of the Sports Complex.
19. No pets are allowed on the premises.
20. No riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates, or any other wheeled vehicles on the premises.
21. No foul language, out of control tempers or unnecessary roughness will be tolerated; This is a recreational league!
22. Children under the age of 8 must be attended by an adult.
23. 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.

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