



2018 Adult Softball League Rules

Unless a specific league rule is listed, ASA rules apply.
Contact the Recreation Department to view ASA rules.

Roster Requirements

- On the “*Team Roster and Consent*” form, each team must list a manager as the primary contact for the Recreation Department to communicate with.
- All players must sign the *Team Roster and Consent* form before playing. If players have not signed, they cannot play.
 - Teams must submit signed rosters no later than 15 minutes before their first preseason game starts
 - Teams failing to submit rosters 15 minutes before their first preseason game will forfeit the first regular season game.
 - If any time during the season, a team allows a player on the field before that player has signed the *Team Roster and Consent* form, the team will forfeit all games that player 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.
 - If teams reach the 20-player maximum and want to add more players, managers may request to permanently remove up to 3 players and replace them with new ones.
 - The team manager and Recreation Department will initial and date the roster to note permanently removed players.
 - Permanently removed players may not play in any more regular season or tournament games or on another team.
 - Teams will forfeit all games that permanently removed players play in after their removal from the roster.
- Each game managers will initial the Roster Verification
 - Write the total number of new players added to the roster on that date
 - If no new players are added write “0”
 - The number of players added should match the names of people signing the roster on that day
 - If rosters and verification sheets do not match, teams may be penalized with a game forfeit

Players and Participation

- Players have until the start of the 2nd game of the season to change teams and may change teams only once. This includes players permanently removed from rosters to meet the 20-player limit.
- Players who have not played on any team may be added to a roster until second to last game before the end of season tournament but must sign the *Team Roster and Consent* form before playing in any games.
- Players must have played in at least 2 regular season games to qualify to play in the end of season tournament.
- Women may play on only 1 COED team and men may play on only 1 COED team and only 1 men’s team.
- Minimum participation age is 16 and 16 or 17-year old players must have a signed parental waiver before they can play.
- Teams will forfeit all games that 16 or 17-year old players play in before submitting a signed parental waiver.

Manager Responsibilities

- Ensure team members know league rules and comply with them. Rules are posted in all dugouts and enclosed in manger packets, are emailed to managers and can be viewed at <https://cityofpage.org/departments/recreation-dept>.
- Before each game submit a team line-up and initial the *Roster Verification* (see Roster Requirement section above)
- Act as team contact and team spokesperson
 - Managers receive a copy of their team’s roster/phone list from the Recreation Department and are expected to share with team members, information received from the Recreation Department, such as unexpected game cancellations.
 - Immediately communicate with umpires regarding rule clarification (see Sportsmanship below)
 - Immediately communicate with Recreation Staff regarding other questions or concerns
 - At least one field supervisor is present during all games, if you do not see the field supervisor, call 928-691-0209
 - Any issues regarding games, calls, or opposing teams must be reported to the field supervisor at the time they occur
 - If game concerns are not immediately reported when they occur or the issue is not able to be resolved by the on-duty field supervisor, the manager should submit a written statement to the Recreation Manager at jlnew@pageaz.gov before the teams next scheduled game.
 - If managers do not follow the above guidelines in reporting game concerns it will be assumed that umpires made fair calls and all teams followed league rules and no further action will be taken by the Recreation Department

- Managers packets include the following supplies and information
 - 1 Team scorebook (if it is lost teams must provide their own replacement)
 - Blank Team Roster and Consent and Roster Verification forms
 - Blank team line-up sheets (must submit one each game)
 - League rules
 - Pre-season placement information

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 stop, but the clock will not stop, and game time will not be extended.
- 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 making bodily contact or threatening gestures against umpires or field supervisors will be removed from the 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 City of Page alcohol regulations, if players bring alcohol into the Sports Complex it will result in a team forfeit.
- Anyone under the influence of alcohol, or illegal substances will be asked to leave the Sports Complex
- 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](#)
- Persons bringing coolers into the Sports Complex must take the cooler to the Recreation information table and open the cooler, so Recreation staff may visually inspect cooler contents.
- Tobacco products are not permitted on the Sports Complex premises.
- No pets are allowed in the Sports Complex premises.
- 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 players are permitted in the dugouts.
- Children under the age of 8 must be attended by an adult.
- No soft toss or any kind of throwing or hitting against fences is permitted.

Game Schedules, Changes or Cancellations

- Game schedules are posted on-line at <https://cityofpage.recdesk.com/Community/League>.

- Games will be cancelled when lightning is seen or any other time that player safety is at risk or fields are not playable.
- If games are cancelled the Recreation Department immediately contacts managers to notify their teams of the cancellation.
- Cancelled games will be rescheduled at the next available opportunity including on Fridays, other week days that the teams do not usually play, or as second games on the days the teams usually play.

Game Forfeiture Situations

- A team does not have at least 8 eligible players on the field ready to play within 5 minutes after the scheduled game time.
- A team fails to resume play within 2 minutes after the umpire has called for resumption of play.
- Any rule is willfully violated after fair warning from the umpire.
- Any order for a removal of a player or coach by the umpire or field supervisor is not carried out within 2 minutes.
- A team fails to submit a completed and signed roster 15 minutes before their pre-season games start time.
- 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 games that 16 or 17-year old players play in before submitting a signed parental waiver.
- Team members bring alcohol into the Sports Complex
- After a forfeit the field time still belongs to the scheduled teams to use for practice or a non-officiated practice game.

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).
- **International Tie-Breaker Rule**
 - If tied after 7 innings or the time limit, each team begins their extra half inning with a runner (the batter who made the last out in the previous inning) on second base and the next batter in the line-up at bat.
 - This continues until one team scores more runs in the extra inning(s).
 - Courtesy runner rules apply under the tie-breaker rule (see Courtesy Runner section below)

Fielding and Plays

- 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.
- At all times all players must try to avoid collisions.
- 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.
- If a woman is at bat men may not throw from outfield to 1st base, but may throw to the infield who may throw to 1st base.
- If a woman is at bat all outfield players and the rover must be behind the 200-yard line.

Bats and Batting

- All bats must clearly have the 2000, 2004, or 2013 ASA stamp and not be on the non-approved bat list (available in the recreation office).
- In coed no composite double wall or triple wall bats are allowed.
- 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, but men may not (An automatic out will be assessed between any two men batting in a row, including if a man is the last batter in the previous inning and a man starts batting in the next inning)
- If a male batter is walked, he is awarded 2nd base.
 - If less than 2 outs, the next female batter has to hit.
 - 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 umpire discretion, batters may be called out for throwing bats in a negative manner or in locations that could cause injury.

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.
- The last better out or a substitute may be a courtesy runner for a person of their same gender.

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

The batter is out on an infield fly. (An infield fly is a fair fly ball that the umpire judges could be caught by an infielder, pitcher, or catcher with ordinary effort and when there are runners on 1st and 2nd 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 the umpire judges it to be within an imaginary box that goes from the ground to the pitchers within glove height, **and** within 6 feet of the pitching lane, the batter will be called out. If the pitcher jumps up to catch the ball it is not an out.

Home Run Rule After 3 over the fence homeruns per team per game the ball will be called a dead ball out.

Run Rule 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, or 10 after 5 innings.

Practice Fields, Equipment, and Supplies

City League teams may reserve practice fields at no additional cost based on field and staff availability

City League players may sign out batters' helmets and catchers' helmets for the season

People may purchase used softballs for \$1/ball from the Recreation Department Office

City of Page Recreation Department

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
2 -5 PM

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