



## **ADULT SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES**

### **GENERAL PARK RULES:**

1. Team registration must be paid prior to playing 1<sup>st</sup> league game. (\$50 late fee if paid after 1<sup>st</sup> game.)
2. Absolutely no seeds, gum or smoking allowed on the turf
3. No metal spikes
4. No outside food, drinks or coolers allowed. Full concessions will be offered nightly including a full bar
5. Pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash. Owner must pick up after pet
6. Please be respectful of umpires. All calls by umpires are final
7. NSA Rules & Regulations will apply except whereas listed below

### **TEAM ROSTER**

1. Team roster must be filled out and signed by all players on your team
2. A minimum of eight (8) players will be allowed on a roster with a maximum of eighteen (18). A maximum of fifteen (15) shirts will be award to tournament champions
3. All rosters will be kept on file in the concession stand and will be locked 3 weeks prior to the end of season tournament. Only rostered players that have played in a minimum of 2 regular season league games will be eligible for playoffs
4. All players must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age to play

### **RULES OF PLAY:**

1. Each game will be played to 7 innings or a time limit of 60 minutes, whichever comes first. First warm-up pitch after umpire plate visit starts the game clock. No new inning will start after 50 minutes or as determined by the umpire
2. Coin flip will be used to determine home team for regular season games
3. Each batter enters the box with a count of one ball and one strike. No courtesy fouls will be allowed and batter will be called out after hitting a foul ball on the third strike
4. Players are encouraged (but not required) to slide when approaching a base. The runner should make every attempt to avoid contact with the fielder
5. Pitching arch should be a minimum of 6 feet and a maximum of 10 feet
6. If the ball hits any part of the mat or home plate, it is considered a strike.
7. "Hit & Sit" rule will be in effect. If a player hits a home run, they are not required to touch first base
8. A maximum of 5 home runs per game. Any home run hit in excess of 5 will be an automatic out
9. 10 run rule after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning will be in effect
10. Teams may use a maximum of ten (10) players on defense. A team must start and finish a game with at least eight (8) players
11. During regular league play, teams can play short of players and will not be given an out. An out will be given during tournament play only
12. One courtesy runner per inning will be allowed, but that runner must not come up in the batting order while on base or that will result in an out
13. In the event of a tie, one (1) extra inning will be played by international rules. (Last batted out goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base to start inning.)

**14. Use of pitching screen is optional but recommended.**

- a. **If used, the screen must cover half the pitching stripe and be within the circle.**
- b. **A batted ball hitting the screen is a strike.**
- c. **Hitting the pitching screen with two strikes is an automatic out.**
- d. **If a pitching screen is used, a pitcher cannot be the first fielder to field a live ball.**

**COED RULES (5/5):**

1. A team cannot have more men in the field than women unless agreed upon prior to coin flip. There must be a minimum of four (4) females in the field at all times. A team CAN play with 5 men and 4 women IF the opposing team approves
2. There must be a minimum of two (2) of each sex in the outfield and infield position however the positioning is left up to the individual manager
3. There cannot be a rover (male or female). There must be two male and two female outfielders in the outfield at the time the ball is pitched and it is the umpire's discretion to determine if the defensive team is in compliance
4. Pitcher & Catcher must be male/female combination or female/female combination
5. Coed with extra players. Twelve (12) players – six (6) males / six (6) females. It is not permissible to use eleven (11) players
6. Batting lineup must be male/female order. If fielding only 9 players, an out will be taken in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot unless agreed upon otherwise by opposing team, except in tournament play where an out will be automatically awarded.
7. If a male player walks with fewer than two outs, he will automatically be awarded second base and the female must bat. With two outs, the female has the option to walk or bat
8. Men - twelve (12) inch classic M softball. Women - eleven (11) inch classic W softball
9. Women have the option of using a composite bat, men must use only non-composite. (Effective in 2022, the Easton Raw Power L8 has been deemed an illegal bat and men are prohibited from using this bat)
10. 3 homerun max per game will be allowed by male players only. No homerun cap for female players
11. Cap option – teams will be given the option of a max of 5 runs per inning. Must be decided upon prior to coin flip. No cap given in last inning

**SENIOR RULES:**

1. Pitching screen is mandatory for all 60's & 50's team. **Pitching screen must cover half the pitching stripe and be within the circle.**
2. Batted ball hitting screen is a strike. Hitting a screen with 2 strikes is an automatic out
3. If the ball hits any part of the plate or the mat, it is considered a strike
4. Pitching mask is optional
5. Pitcher can field and make a play on any batted ball
6. Players can overrun bases & can avoid collision by running past side of base
7. Run rule of 15 after 5 will be in effect
8. Max 5 cap run per inning. No cap in last inning
9. Composite bats allowed but must be 1.20 or less
10. 60's only – a batter cannot be thrown out at first if batted ball is hit in the outfield.
11. 60's only – each team is allowed to have ONE (1) 59 year old exempt player.
12. **Sliding into a base is prohibited.**
13. **Tagging a base runner is allowed.**

