

Evergreen Park & Recreation District Adult Softball Rules

EPRD adult softball leagues are non-sanctioned and are governed by USSSA Rules with the modifications listed below. *Revised May 2022*

Team Rosters

1. Team roster size is unlimited. Players may be added through the 6th regular season game. All players must sign the roster form before playing.
2. Players must be 18 years of age to participate in EPRD adult leagues. Exception: Players ages 15-17 must have a parent signature on roster.
3. Players may play for one Men's team and one Coed team per league. Players must sign the roster for each team they are playing with.
4. Teams are required to wear like-colored shirts/jerseys. Numbers are strongly recommended.

Game Rules

1. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to begin and finish the game. A team with only 8 players will automatically be the visiting team. If a team does not have 8 players, a 10-minute grace period (with game clock running) will be given. After 10 minutes, if the team doesn't have enough players a forfeit will result.
2. The umpire will keep the official score. Home/Away teams are listed on the schedule. Each team should keep their own scorebook. Teams may bat as many players as they choose. Players arriving after the game has begun may be added to the end of the batting order. If a player can't continue for any reason except ejection, an out will not be recorded in that player's spot. An out will be recorded in an ejected player's spot.
3. Each at-bat begins with a 1-1 count. A batter with two strikes will be allowed one courtesy foul. Any subsequent foul will be considered a third strike and the batter will be called out.
4. Pitching
 - a. Minimum pitch arc- 6'
 - b. Maximum pitch arc- 12'
 - c. Strike mats will be used. A legal pitch within the 6'-12' arc that lands on the mat or the plate is a strike.
5. A 55-minute time limit will be used, a new inning may not begin after time has expired. The home plate umpire will have the official game clock.
6. The game will end according to the following run rules:
 - 15 or more runs after 4 innings
 - 10 or more runs after 5 innings
7. Rules for extra inning games:
 - 1st extra inning- each half inning will begin with the last out from the previous inning on 2nd base. Play will then begin as normal.
 - Subsequent extra innings- each half inning begins with the last out from the previous inning on 3rd base.
8. Home Run limits per team per game

Men's Rec: 2
Coed: 2

Any home run over the limit will be an out.

9. A defensive player may not block any base or interfere with any runner without possession of the ball.
10. An extended scoring line will be marked extending out from the back of the right-handed batter's box. Runners trying to score must pass the extended line before the fielding team is in possession of the ball while touching home plate. Catchers can either tag the runner or step on the plate with the ball once the runner is past the commitment line between home and third base. **Runners do not need to touch home plate, just pass the scoring line.**

Equipment

1. Only bats on the USSSA list are legal for play
2. All players must have close-toed shoes to play. Metal cleats are prohibited.
3. Exposed jewelry, including earrings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, etc., is not allowed. The umpire will ask any player wearing jewelry to remove said jewelry before participating. A second offense will result in the player being called out. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry.

Coed League Rules

1. Teams play with 10 players (5 female / 5 male).
 - Batting order must alternate male/female. Teams may use unequal female and male batting rotations as long as the order alternates.
 - At least three females must play an infield position on defense.
 - A team can play with less than 10 players in the following situations:
 - 4 female / 5 male = 9 total
 - 5 female / 4 male = 9 total
 - 4 female / 4 male = 8 total
 - Game can't begin with less than 8 players
 - The batting spot for the missing 5th female or 5th male will be an out
2. Teams can bat as many players as they choose.
3. *If a male batter is walked, he goes straight to 2nd base (don't need to touch 1st base). The following female batter has the option to take 1st base or hit and accept the outcome of the play.*
4. 5 run per inning scoring limit except for the last inning as determined by the umpires.
5. All four outfielders must remain behind the 175' line until the ball is hit for all batters. A violation will result in a delayed dead ball and the offense may take the result of the play or the batter is awarded first base.

Scheduling

1. Schedules and standings are available at www.teamsideline.com/evergreenrecreation.
2. Games will not be rescheduled except for weather/field conditions.

3. The EPRD weather line will be updated daily by 4:30 pm on days when weather is a factor. **To reach the weather line, call 720-880-1291.** If the weather line has not been updated, assume all games are on as scheduled and any cancelation will need to be made by the umpire(s).
4. Games will be rescheduled according to field availability. Games may be rescheduled on a different day than the usual day your league plays.
5. If a game begins and is suspended due to weather, play will resume from the exact point where it was stopped, assuming the game has not met the requirements to be considered a complete game.
6. The team manager is responsible for notifying their team of any rescheduled games.

Player Conduct

1. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
2. Only team managers may approach the umpire with questions.
3. All players are expected to help maintain a family-friendly atmosphere. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:
 - Shoving, striking, or threatening a league official, umpire, player, or fan.
 - Refusal to abide by the umpire's and/or league official's decision
 - Use of foul or abusive language or gestures
 - Unnecessary physical play during the game
 - Alcohol or drug use on EPRD property, or participating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
4. Any player ejected from a game must leave the property immediately.
5. Following any ejection, EPRD staff will decide if further disciplinary action is warranted.

Team Manager Expectations

1. Team Managers are responsible for the following:
 - Making sure each player understands the league rules.
 - Having their team present and ready to play at game time. If your team is unable to play, please inform EPRD staff as soon as possible.
 - Maintain control of their team members' and spectators' behavior throughout the game.
 - Enforcing player suspensions as required.

