



EL DORADO HILLS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Men's and Co-Ed Softball League Rules and Regulations
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Manager Responsibility:

The team manager is responsible for his/her players knowing these rules and regulations. It is imperative that all players will be so informed. Any questions regarding these rules and regulations should be directed to the Field Scorekeeper or Recreation Coordinator.

Roster:

Rosters must be filled out completely before the District will accept them. A minimum of ten (10) players must be on your initial roster, for it to be accepted. The roster is limited to twenty (20) players. Rosters may be changed at any time during the season, but if an addition is performed after the fourth game, a \$10 processing fee will be charged (payable to the scorekeeper upon adding to the roster). Any addition cannot take that team beyond the roster maximum number allowed. Games will not start if not all players present have signed team roster.

Eligibility:

1. Team managers are responsible for turning in a correct and accurate roster. Inaccuracies may result in the forfeit of game(s).
2. Players may play on more than one team within the EDCSD slow-pitch softball league. Players may not play on two or more teams in the same league. Players may play on a Co-Ed and Men's teams.
3. Minimum age for participants: Players must be at least 18 years of age. Any individual under 18 wanting to play must be approved by the Recreation Supervisor and have a release of liability signed by a parent. No player will be considered unless they are at least 16 years old. Under aged players will be considered on a case by case basis with safety being a factor. Players may play on only one team per league.
4. Players: All players must carry a driver's license or other photo I.D. of themselves while participating in their game. Social Media pages do not count as photo I.D. Failure to show proper proof of identification will result in the immediate forfeiture of the game. This I.D. check maybe carried out by an umpire, scorekeeper, Field Supervisor, or Recreation

Coordinator at any time. The manager from the opposing team may request a check of a player's eligibility once in any game.

5. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players.
6. Players must play a minimum of 2 regular season games to be eligible for playoffs.

League:

Each league will play a seven (7) game regular season. A scorekeeper will be provided.

All games employ the one umpire system.

Game balls will be furnished by the District. COR rating and brand will be at the discretion of the District. One new ball and one used ball will be utilized in each game. All game balls will be returned to the ball box each night.

Schedules:

All league schedules and standings will be available online. The address to check your schedules is www.teamsideline.com/eldoradohills. All communications with managers will originate from this site. Be sure to give EDHCSD an accurate email, and a secondary email, if possible.

Playoffs:

The top four teams will play in the playoffs. The #1 seed vs. the #4 seed and #2 seed vs. #3 seed. Winners will face off in the championship game. The higher seed will be the home team. There will still be a time limit for the semifinal game, 60 minutes. The championship game will be 65 minutes or a full seven (7) innings, whichever comes first. Regular season time limit and drop-dead rule do not apply.

There will be a roster check of each team before the playoff games. Players are required to produce a photo I.D. Social Media pages do not count as photo I.D. Any player who does not do so will not be allowed to play. No excuses of any kind will be accepted.

If there is a tie for any playoff position, head to head results will be used as the first tiebreaker.

Ties during Play-off Games: Should a tie occur during a play-off game and time has expired, a new inning will be started with the last out on second base until a winner is declared.

League champions will be awarded individual awards, generally T-shirts, up to the size of their final roster, a maximum of 20.

Team Fees:

Payment is due upon registering. If payment has not been paid in full your team may be bumped from night/league of choice for a team with payment in hand. Your team will also not be allowed to start their season without payment prior to your first game which could result in forfeiture of games.

Refund Policy: Team refunds will be allowed up to two weeks before the league start date. After this date, a full refund is issued only if another team can fill the vacancy. Refund checks are mailed to the team manager or sponsoring business and may take approximately 30 days.

Games:

The EDHCSD Slow-Pitch Leagues will comply with the Official USA Softball Slow Pitch Rules for the current season except where superseded by these regulations.

1. Teams must play at the time, place and date specified by the District.
2. Co-Ed and Men's leagues have restrictions on certain bats. Any bat with a BPF (bat performance factor) of GREATER THAN 1.20 is ruled to be illegal. These bats will not be allowed to be used during our leagues. Players who come up to bat and step in the batter's box with an illegal bat will be called out and disqualified for the rest of the game. The current USA Softball Banned Bat list will be followed. Titanium bats are not allowed.
3. A game will be either seven innings or 55 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 55 minutes of playing time has elapsed.
4. Base dimensions are 70ft.
5. We start with a 1-1 count. (Both Men's and Co-Ed) An extended plate is used for ball and strike calls. Pitches are to be between 6ft. and 10ft. in height. A legally pitched ball must hit some part of the plate or mat to be called a strike. All other pitches are to be called balls. Once a batter has two strikes, no matter how attained, they may foul off one additional pitch, and not be called out. After this extra foul, a subsequent foul ball will result in a strike out for the batter.
6. Pitchers must start on pitching rubber, not behind it. Three warm-up pitches will be allowed each inning.

7. The mat is not an extension of Home Plate. For the run to score, you must touch Home Plate.
8. Sliding is allowed.
9. If you are a baserunner, re-touching (being off the base in foul territory, then touching the base again before advancing) at first or third base is not allowed.
10. A ball thrown out of play may result in extra bases. (Umpires discretion)
11. Teams may play with a batting order up to a maximum of 16 players. All players in the batting order must be in that order at the beginning of the game and present at game time. Teams may start with 6 players, but must have 7 players by the end of the 3rd inning. If a seventh player does not show up, the game will be forfeited.
12. Unlimited courtesy runners will be allowed per inning but the courtesy runner can only be the player who made the last out. In the case where an out has not yet occurred in the game, the furthest player in the lineup from the batter who is not on base will become the courtesy runner. In coed leagues, the runner must be the last out of the same gender.
13. Co-Ed teams must have an equal amount of males and females in the batting order, or more females. At no time will more males than females be allowed in the batting order. If a person is up to bat and is not here at the time of the at bat, the team must take an automatic out for them.
14. Co-Ed teams may have players of either gender play in any position. An equal amount of males and females, or more females is allowed. At no time will more males than females be allowed in the field. There will be no restrictions on positioning of males-females on defense.
15. Co-Ed Only: When a male receives a walk, the ball is dead. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two (2) base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. Exception: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
16. Unlimited substitutions on defense will be allowed.
17. Once the 55 minute mark arrives and either team is losing by eleven (11) or more runs, the game ends immediately. (Drop Dead Rule)

18. Teams winning games due to a forfeit will win that game by a score of 10-0.
19. Homeruns: Three (3) home runs per team, per game. Any home run after that is an out. No equalizer. Home runs will be walk off.
20. Tie games: Ties will count in the standings. If seven innings have been played there must be 5 or more minutes left on the clock to start another inning, otherwise game stands as a tie. Games may not exceed the 10:00 p.m. light curfew. Games called at 10:00 p.m. due to the light curfew will revert back to the previous inning's score unless visitors have had their complete at bat and home team is ahead.
21. Players leaving the game due to injury cannot return to the lineup. If there is no substitute for the player, their spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty except co-ed (Out declared if two men bat back to back.). If a player is ejected and has no substitute, then an out will be declared each time that player is due to bat. If two players from the same team are ejected the game will be a forfeit. Ejected players are automatically suspended for the next scheduled game (or more if league supervisor deems warranted). Ejected players must leave the field/park before play resumes and may not attend any game(s) in which they are suspended.

Field Rules:

1. No verbal or physical abuse of officials or other players will be tolerated. If a player is ejected from a game, he or she is automatically suspended from the next scheduled game (even if this ejection carries into the next season.) Please also refer to the Player Code of Conduct if a situation arises. If the next scheduled game happens to be on the same day (i.e. double header), the player is suspended from that game. The ejected player must leave the field entirely and play will not resume until this is completed (game clock continues however). Repeated offense will result in multi-game suspensions, suspension for the remainder of the season or banning for life from playing in our league(s).
2. Consumption of Alcohol by players and spectators: EDHCSD Ordinance NO. 11/19/87-4, Section 9 will be followed. It states; No person shall consume any alcoholic beverages within any park facility. This section is intended to expressly prohibit the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages within the areas immediately surrounding the playing fields: bleachers, dug outs, backstops, warm up area, parking lots, picnic benches, playground area, or any area associated with the park or facility.

A. If alcohol is found within the park facility, the offense is a violation and will result in an immediate ejection from the current game and a mandatory one game suspension for the next scheduled game (even if a play-off game or the first game of the next season). Ejection from the current game will result in an out recorded each time that player is scheduled to bat in the line-up. Ejected player must leave the complex immediately and the game may be suspended (if necessary) until the ejected player has done so. A suspended player may not attend any games during the suspension period, even as a spectator. If a second alcohol incident occurs but the specific "owner" of the alcohol cannot be identified, the game will be stopped and forfeited by the offending team. The team must leave the facilities immediately or face further penalties (as individuals or a team). If a team incurs a third offense, the game will be forfeited and the known offenders suspended from further play in the league for a minimum of four games (could be more if found warranted by the CSD Recreation Supervisor). If no one player can be identified then the team will forfeit the next four scheduled games. Continued violation will result in banning from the league for one or more years. All warnings or offenses carry over from one season to the next within the same calendar year.

B. If spectators are found with or consuming alcohol they will be asked to discard it or leave the complex. If they refuse but are known spectators of one of the two teams playing, the game will be stopped until they comply or that team will forfeit the current game. If unknown to the two teams, the police will be called to deal with the individual.

C. CSD staff and the umpire have the right to deny play at any time if a player is believed to be under the influence of alcohol or other substance.

3. Smoking is prohibited within the park facility. If caught, the offender will be asked to dispose of the cigarette/cigar immediately. This first time will be a warning. If a second offense occurs, that player will be ejected from the game and must leave the park within a 5 minute window or his/her team will forfeit. Game clock will continue to run during this departure time. Player will also be suspended from the next scheduled game (regular season or play-off) and may not attend even as a spectator or his/her team will forfeit. A third offense will result in multi-game suspension or entire season suspension which could carry over to the next season (to be determined by Recreation Supervisor).

4. Amplified sound may not be used at any field(s) during games or practices (players, teams or spectators).

5. Parents need to supervise children. Children are NOT allowed in the dugouts. Games will be delayed until children are removed from unauthorized areas or any area that is causing disruption of the game.

6. The Parks Maintenance and/or Recreation Departments reserve the right to close fields in the event of rain, flooding, etc. This is done for safety reasons due to ground conditions. Games may be re-scheduled if possible.

Conduct:

The league will be governed by the Player Code of Conduct. Managers and players will abide by the Player Code of Conduct.

Protest:

Protests must be declared by the manager to the umpire and scorekeeper before the next legal or illegal pitch. Any manager who wishes to contest the eligibility of any player may do so during any part of any game. Manager must notify the Field Scorekeeper or Recreation Coordinator of his or her intention. The roster will be brought out and the player will be checked.

Protests on judgment calls by an official will not be allowed. Protests regarding rules or regulations only will be heard. To file a protest other than player eligibility requires a verbal notification to the umpire and scorekeeper. A written protest, specifically describing the incident, rule infraction, and any other detail along with \$20 protest fee must be received before 6:00pm of the next business day. Be as specific as possible. Details left out of your written protest may cause the protest to be denied. Written protests may be turned into the Field Scorekeeper or Recreation Coordinator. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and the game may be replayed from the point of the protest, or the game result may be rectified by decision of the Recreation Coordinator or Recreation Supervisor. If the protest is not upheld, the game results will stand, and the \$20 fee will not be returned.

Equipment:

Turf shoes, rubber cleats no longer than 3/8; running shoes are recommended. Metal spikes are not allowed. Glove, bat (check with Banned Bat list)

Metro LCS:

Each year USA Softball of Sacramento sponsors a double elimination tournament for League Champions from all member leagues. This tournament is known as the LCS Tournament. Each League Champion from this District is given an invitation to play in this tournament. Online registration begins in August. The tournament dates are the last weekend in September and first two weekends in October, depending on the weather.