



City of Concord Adult Chicago Ball Rule Modifications

All league play Rules and Code of Conduct will be conducted according to the rules and regulations set forth herein, as well as governed by USSSA Slow Pitch Softball Rules and the City of Concord Softball rules and code of conduct for the current year. Exceptions to these rules are stated herein.



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I. GOVERNING RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Chicago Ball League play will be conducted according to the current USSSA Slow Pitch Softball Rules and the City of Concord's Adult Softball Rules and Code of Conduct; and include the modifications set forth herein.

II. FIELD RULES

A. Pitching

1. Each game may begin with either a female or male pitcher, but the team must alternate every inning between male and female pitchers. Female pitchers may pitch from a distance of 40-46 feet. Male pitchers must pitch from a distance of 46 feet. It is the responsibility of the managers to dispute if other team is pitching out of order. If pitched out of order, the batter advances to 1st base.
2. A 54 x18 inch mat will be used. Strike zone is ball hitting any part of the mat or plate with a 3-10 foot arch.

B. Batting/Walks

1. No hitting downward on the ball with intention of getting an infield hit. This will result in an automatic out (NO WARNINGS.)
2. One base is allowed on a walk. The next batter must hit.

C. Sliding

1. Sliding is not permitted in Chicago Ball. Sliding will result in an automatic out.
2. Players must make every effort to avoid collisions. Failure to do so may result in player ejection.

D. Courtesy Runner

1. One male runner for a male and one female runner for a female "Courtesy Runner" is allowed per ½ inning. The courtesy runner can be repeated if the same player (batter-runner) is on base two or more times per ½ inning.
 - a) The team requiring a courtesy runner does not need permission of opposing manager.
2. The "Courtesy Runner" may be anyone in the lineup.
3. If the courtesy runner is still on base at the time of their turn at bat, they must be replaced with a new courtesy runner (most recent out). No penalty will be imposed.

E. Run Rule

1. A 12-run rule after five (5) innings will apply to all games, unless the flip-flop rule has been implemented.

F. Ball Size

1. The 16 inch Chicago ball is to be pitched to all male players.
2. The 11 inch softball is to be pitched to all female players.
3. It is an appeal play when the wrong ball is pitched to a batter. If the appeal is allowed, then the batter returns to bat with the same ball and strike count he/she had at the time of the pitch. Also, any base runners must return to the base occupied at the time of pitch.

G. Home Plate Safety Line

1. Runners running toward home plate must cross the safety line at least two (2) feet to the right of home plate.
2. Any runner crossing over, coming within two feet of, or touching home plate during a “live ball” will be called out.
3. The defensive player must touch the plate to record the out. If the defensive player tags the runner instead of touching the plate the runner will be declared safe.
4. If a runner is forced home on a walk, it is considered a dead ball situation and he/she will not be declared out for touching home plate.

H. Fielding

1. Outfielders must remain in outfield and cannot come onto the infield until the ball is hit.

I. Playoffs

1. All teams are guaranteed a spot in the playoffs. In the event there are more than eight teams, the playoffs will be divided into Gold and Silver brackets. Only teams in the Gold bracket will have the opportunity to win championship shirts.