



2024 HILLSBORO ADULT RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL COED SPRING LEAGUE INFORMATION AND LEAGUE REGULATIONS

Hillsboro Adult Recreational Softball League will be governed by the ASA '23-24 Official Rules of Softball except as otherwise indicated in the following Information and League Regulations.

Players

1. A minimum of 10 players is needed per roster. There is no maximum limit of rostered players.
2. A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players (4 men/4 women) to start or continue a game.
3. A player can participate on **NO MORE THAN ONE** coed softball team in the Hillsboro League.
4. **Roster Changes:** Teams will be permitted to add players to their rosters. **Deadline is 5:00PM Wednesday, March 15th, 2023.** They must complete a player addition form, provide a copy of their driver's license, and pay any fees that might apply. Hillsboro Parks and Recreation staff may authorize additional players after the deadline based upon extenuating circumstances.
5. **Non-Roster Players:** The use of any player not listed on the roster on file at the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation office is illegal and punishable by forfeiture of the game in which she/he plays. Any player caught playing for a team other than the one she/he is listed on, will be **suspended for the remainder of the season**. Further, the team captain/coach of the team which used the non-roster player will be **suspended for the remainder of the season**. All team representatives at the start of the game will be asked if the players on their teams are consistent with the lineup cards provided.

Players must have picture ID at the field in the event an ID check is requested. Parks & Rec officials, umpires and teams may request player ID checks. If someone does not have picture ID, then they cannot play.

Equipment

1. No metal spiked shoes of any kind are permitted. Only rubber soled shoes are allowed.
2. Teams in the Coed League will use a .52COR 300lbs., 12" softball supplied by the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department.
3. **The Hillsboro League has adopted the ASA Playing Rules regarding bats.** Use of a banned bat by a player will be cause for ejection from the game. The League Coordinator may take further action as needed.
4. Exposed jewelry, which is judged by the umpire to be dangerous, must be removed and may not be worn during the game. Please refer to the USA/ASA '22-213 Official Rules of Softball.
5. All leagues will use the "Double First Base." Please refer to the USA/ASA '23-24. Official Rules of Softball for specific rules for use of this base.

League Games

- 6:30 PM No inning may begin after 7:25 PM
- 7:30 PM No inning may begin after 8:25 PM - No inning shall begin after 55 min from start time.
- 8:30 PM No inning may begin after 9:25 PM - No inning shall begin after 55 min from start time.
- 9:30 PM No inning may begin after 10:25 PM - No inning shall begin after 55 min from start time.

To finish the evening's games in a timely manner, umpires will do their best to keep the games moving. The game clock will not be stopped at any time during the game (unless in the judgment of the umpire there are circumstances that warrant stopping of the clock).

Forfeit Time:

For 1st game - 5 minute grace period. (Game clock starts at 6:30)

For 2nd, 3rd and 4th games - game time.

Teams that forfeit **two games** during the season may be removed from the league without refund.

1. Teams should be prepared to begin at the scheduled starting time. Infield practice will only be permitted if time is available for both teams before scheduled start.

2. If an umpire fails to show up for your game, teams should play the game as scheduled. Score of the game will count.
3. If a game ends in a tie after 7 innings and, in the judgment of the umpire there is time to play additional innings, those innings will be played in a "one-pitch" format. Batters will come to the plate with a 3 and 2 count.
4. To complete as many innings as possible please cooperate in keeping the game moving.
5. The home team is responsible for providing the umpire with game ball, one 12". **Hillsboro Parks and Recreation will provide teams with home game balls prior to the season. Each team will provide a used ball as a back-up for their own team.**
6. Teams may bat their roster: every player bats in order, for the entire game; or an ASA Line-up. Prior to the start of the game, teams will declare which line-up they intend to use.
7. **Re-entry Rule:** Teams batting an ASA line-up of 10 players will be subject to ASA substitution rules. For teams batting their roster, a player other than the pitcher inserted into the defensive line-up must remain on the field until three outs have been secured. A player may re-enter the game an unlimited number of times. The pitcher may be taken out of the game at any time. Exceptions will be made for injuries.
8. If a team is batting their roster, players may be added to the end of the batting order as they arrive at the game. Likewise, if a player leaves during the game he will be crossed out of the line-up without penalty. However, a player who leaves the game cannot re-enter the game. If a player leaves the game from a base, there is no out, but there is also no replacement runner.

If a team was batting their roster with the wheel, then there would be no out. However, if they were batting their roster without the wheel then there could be an out for same sex back-to-back. If they were playing by ASA rules, then we go by the book rule.
9. The batting line-up must be alternating male/female throughout the batting order. If batting the roster, the coach has two options when an uneven number of men and women are present:
 - a.) An out may be taken when the males or females' bat back to back. Players that come late are placed in the open male or female spots.
 - b.) Rotating a male batting order with a female batting order. Example: Male batters M1, M2, M3, M4, M5. Female batters W1, W2, W3, W4. Batting order would be M1, W1, M2, W2, M3, W3, M4, W4, M5, W1, M1, W2, M2, W3...Players who arrive late would be placed at the bottom of the men's order or the women's order.

If a coach wants to substitute a male or female batter into the batting order, an ASA line-up must be used from the start of the game.
10. On defense, there must be 5 men and 5 women on the field. A team must meet the following defensive positioning requirements: 2 men and 2 women in both the infield and the outfield, and 1 man and 1 woman as pitcher and/or catcher. Note: If a team is shorthanded with either 3 in the infield or outfield, 1 of the 3 must be a player of the opposite sex.
11. **Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner is any player who runs for a runner without a charged substitution. Each team may designate one (1) player, of each gender, who may use a courtesy runner throughout the game. The designated player may be named before or anytime during the game. The umpire must be notified that a courtesy runner will be used. The courtesy runner will be the last person of the same sex to have made an out. **Note:** On an awarded base, player need not advance to base before change in runner is made.
12. **Run Limit:** There will be a 6-run limit per inning per team. The last inning will be unlimited runs. If possible, the umpire should notify teams prior to the start of the last inning. In an effort to finish the game on time, the umpire will announce the last inning no sooner than 50 minutes after the start time, **or 5 minutes or less remaining on the clock.**
13. **There will be a 10-run rule after 5 innings. If a team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 1/2 or 5 full innings of play, the game will be over.**
14. In the absence of the 200' line used for female batters, an outfielder is a fielder who defends the area of the field that the left, left-center, right-center, and right fielders normally play. An infielder is a fielder who defends the area of the field around first, second, third or shortstop areas. (These assist in determining the positioning for coed). If an outfielder/infielder is in violation of this rule, as judged by the umpire, the batter will be awarded first base.

15. **Line-up cards:** Umpires will be responsible for turning line-up cards into the concession stand at the end of the night. Teams must have cards ready to give to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Please use players first and last name on line-up card. Extra cards will be available at the concession stand.
16. **Rainout decisions:** Decisions on rainouts will be made by 4:00 p.m. the day of the game. It is the manager's responsibility to call the sports cancellation number, 503-681-6226. Rained out games may be made up any day of the week. Rained out games are rescheduled, and new dates will be posted on the website.
17. Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the league playoffs to the top two teams in each division.
18. A limit of over-the-fence home runs will be used in all Coed leagues.
 - a. A team may not be more than three-(3) over-the-fence home runs ahead of the opposing team in any game. Over-the-fence home runs will be any fair fly ball, not touched by a defensive player that clears or has cleared over the fence shall be declared a four-base award.
 - b. A home run will be charged for any ball hit over the fence whether runs score or not.
 - c. Both male and female home runs count toward the Co-ed limit.
 - d. For over-the-fence home runs, the batter and all base runners will not run the bases.
 - e. For any excess, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and no runners can advance. This is referred to as a Dead Ball Out (DBO)

Conduct

1. It is the intention of the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department that the purpose of the coed softball league is to provide fun and recreation for the participants. Therefore, protests of games will be considered only for extremely compelling reasons. The umpire must be notified during the game of the protest and the recreation coordinator must be notified the following day.
2. There shall be no arguing with the officials or disputing their decisions. Unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, abusive language or any other such conduct will not be tolerated.
3. **Dogs are prohibited from sports and activity areas, specifically the Stadium, ball fields, plaza and playground.**
4. **There shall be no use of tobacco products before, during, or after the games or practices in any area of this facility (stadium, softball fields, plaza, parking lots and entrance roads).**
5. **Team managers will be responsible for the conduct of their spectators.**
6. The penalty for any player or team disregarding the above rules may include ejection from the game, suspension, forfeit of the games and/or dismissal from the league as determined by the Recreation Department and the Coed Softball Governing Board.

Teams with an ejected player, will not be able to replace that person in the field (will play a player short on defense), and that player will be an out when they come up again in the lineup.

Profanity Rule: Any team member in a game using undirected profanity or unsportsmanlike language (expletives not directed at an umpire or opposing player and loud enough to be heard by spectators) will result in an out being called against the offending team.

- a. If a team is at bat and unsportsmanlike words are used, the next batter will be out.
- b. If the act is committed by a player remaining at bat, that player will be called out.
- c. If the act is committed by the defense, the first batter in the next inning will be out.
- d. The outs will be treated as a delayed dead ball situation.
- e. If the violation occurs in the bottom of the last inning, where the fielding team may not bat again, the ejection rule will apply. If the team has an eligible substitute, the game can continue.
- f. The game may be ended by a casual profanity/unsportsmanlike language out.
- g. Directed Profanity, Vulgar Language, and Vulgar Gestures are considered as unsportsmanlike conduct and are subject to immediate ejection from the game and the facility. Anyone ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will also be suspended for at least the following game as determined by the Recreation Supervisor.

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