



Coed Softball League Rules

All ASA Rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Players must be at least 16 years of age to participate.
2. Only water coolers are allowed. No outside food or beverages are allowed at the complex. The only exception allowed is **CANNED BEER**. **Any glass bottles or hard liquor is not allowed. Any player observed with food or beverages not purchased from the concession stand (other than beer) will result in their team's next batter automatically being called out.**
3. Any food or beverages that are not purchased at the concession stand are not allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the park. **All concession stand revenues go to complex maintenance and improvements.**
4. No beer is allowed on the field during games.
5. No music is to be played before, during, or after games.
6. Per State of Iowa Law, smoking is not allowed at Pickard Park, or any City park for that matter.
7. Teams must start and finish with at least eight players without taking an out. There must be at least four women to start. You may play with more women than men, but not more men than women. If you start with nine players, and the missing player is a woman you must take an out in that spot.
8. ****NEW: ON-FIELD PLAYERS (OFFENSE):** The only players that are allowed on the field while on offense are the base coaches, the batter, the on-deck batter, and any base runners. It is the responsibility of the manager to keep all other persons from this area.
 - a. Each team will get 1 warning per game, then the offending will be assessed an out for each infraction.

9. A new inning will not start after **55** minutes of play has been completed. (Note: an inning is considered completed immediately after the 3rd out is recorded. If there is any time showing on the clock, a new inning may start). Once an inning has started, it will be completed if the home team is behind. Umpires will start the time after the **captains meeting**. It is your responsibility to get on the field in a timely matter.

10. If the score is tied after 7 innings and time has not expired, the game will be played with each batter beginning with a 3-2 count (no courtesy foul) – the game will continue until a winner is declared or time has expired. If the time limit has expired and the game is tied at the end of the inning, but less than 7 innings have been played, the game will end in a tie.
 - i. Tournament Play: If the score is tied after 7 innings or time has expired, the game will be played with each batter beginning with a 3-2 count (no courtesy foul) – the game will continue until a winner is declared at the end of the inning.

11. A 1 and 1 count will be used in league play. **No courtesy foul will be allowed after the second strike.**

12. **Scoring Line:** To limit contact at home plate, a scoring line will be placed 8 feet from the back tip of home plate.
 - a. The scoring line is to be used by the offensive player only.
 - b. Home plate is to be used by the defensive player only.
 - c. All plays at home plate are force plays. *No tags or collisions.*
 - d. If an offensive runner's foot is touching the line in any way or is past the line, on the ground, before the defense completes the force out at home plate, the runner is safe.

13. **Commitment Line:** A line will be placed 35 feet from home plate. Once the runner's foot touches the ground on or past the commitment line, the runner may NOT re-cross it in the direction of 3rd base — the runner must continue towards the scoring plate. Violations will result in an out.

14. Home run limit is 5. After 5 is an out.

15. At the conclusion of each half inning, the umpire will confirm the number of runs scored and post the correct score on the scoreboard.

16. All players must sign the roster before he/she can play. The rosters need to be turned into the concession stand before the first game is played. If you need to add another player during the season, take that player up to the concession stand and have them sign the roster. All roster additions must be complete 2 weeks before the end of the season. The rosters are to stay in the concession stand once they have been turned in. If a team does not turn in a roster, they can be held up from participating in the league tournament.

17. To avoid roster complaints – During the regular season we will play with an open roster. You can only fill in IF the team you are filling in for will be short a player. You cannot fill in to make the team have 11 or 12 players. *You can only be on one team's roster.*
18. League Tournament - To participate in the league tournament, you must at least play two games of league. If you have not played more than two games or are playing full-time for another team, you cannot go and fill in for another team in the tournament. **You must be on the team's roster to play for that team in the league tournament.**
19. Teams are required to play their games on the scheduled days – No Rescheduling.
20. **Run Rule is 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings.**
21. Steel Cleats are **NOT ALLOWED.**
22. Men will hit a 12" ASA approved ball and the women will hit an 11" ASA approved ball.
23. *The softball shall be Yellow, COR .52, 300 lbs. with an ASA stamp for men, women will hit the Yellow, COR .52, 300 lbs. with an ASA stamp.*
24. It is the responsibility of the team batting to have someone either on the first or third base side to change the balls between batters. **IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UMPIRE.**
25. At the beginning of each pitch, an infielder you must start on the infield dirt and if you are an outfielder you must start on the grass. NO EXCEPTIONS. The outfield line is only in effect for Church League.
26. The ASA current bat list will apply. Anyone caught using an illegal bat will be called out on the first offense, ejected on the second offense and the bat will be removed from the playing field.
The bat barrel shall be free of audible rattles when shaken.
27. You will be allowed to bat 10 (5 Male, 5 Female) or 12 (6 Male, 6 Female) players. If the extra players are use in COED, all 12 must bat and any 10, (5 male, 5 female), may play defense. Defensive positions may be changed as long as the COED positioning is followed. The batting order must remain the same throughout the game.
28. Profanity Rule – Profanity will result in their team's next batter automatically being called out. 2nd offense will be ejection from the game.
29. The plate and the mat are both a strike.
30. Games times and start times are **6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, 9:15pm.**
31. On defense the field should be like the following:

- a. Pitcher and Catcher – Must be one male and one female
 - b. Infield (Besides pitcher and catcher) – Must be two males and two females – Unless Short
 - c. Outfield – Must be two males and two females – Unless Short.
32. There is a 6' and 10' Minimum/Maximum pitch height. It will be up to the UMPIRE to judge this height and call pitches illegal. If the umpire calls the pitch illegal, the pitch will be called a ball. If the batter still hits the ball, the ball becomes live and play continues.
33. If a male batter is walked – they automatically go to second base and **do not have to touch first base**. The female has to hit unless there are two outs, then she has the option of either walking or hitting.