

## 2025 Adult Dome Softball Rules

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*Except as modified by the League, USSSA rules for the current year shall be the official game rules for all contests in which League members participate.*

### ROSTERS

- Rosters are due before the first game. Send rosters to: [muni@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:muni@ci.stpaul.mn.us) by mail/visit to: Municipal Athletics, 1500 N. Rice Street, St. Paul, MN, 55117
- Roster additions must include: Name, address, zip code, player's signature, and team manager's signature.
- All players must be 18 years of age or older by the first game.

**SCHEDULES/STANDINGS** — Schedules and standings are posted at [www.teamsideline.com/stpaul](http://www.teamsideline.com/stpaul) during regular season play. Team Managers are responsible for scoring games via TeamSideline (reminder e-mails are sent after each game). For more information on league standings, please contact the league director.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** — 1 game will be made-up (added to end of season). Additional Rainouts will not be played or refunded.

- TeamSideline and Weather Hotline (651-558-2118) will be updated at 4:30pm if necessary – any calls made after that are at the umpire's discretion at the field.
- If a game is called before the end of the 4th inning, it will be called a rain-out and replayed if possible. If game is called after the end of the 4th inning, the score will stand as-is.

### LATE ARRIVALS AND FORFEITS

- Forfeits: The team manager is responsible for notifying opponents AND the Municipal Athletics Office as soon as possible if unable to play a scheduled game.
- A team must have 9 players to begin a game. If a team does not have 9 players, 10 minutes after the scheduled game time they will forfeit the match.
- Co-Rec teams can not have more men than women on the field at any given time – failure to comply will result in forfeit.
  - When batting, genders must alternate, but can have two women bat in succession. Two men can never bat in succession.
  - Fielding positions do not have to be evenly split by gender.
  - Participants that do not identify as male or female may play on the field and bat in the order as they see fit.

## GAME RULES

- No new inning after 45 minutes. **(NEW 2024)**
- Games are 7 innings and can result in a tie – no extra innings.
- Schedules will list Home/Away teams.
- Home runs – 4 per game, per gender for Coed.
- Courtesy Runner – 1 per inning, per gender for Coed. Any runner in the lineup may be used, but if their at-bat comes up, the batter will be called out.
- NO Courtesy Foul
- Warmup Pitches – 3 first inning, 1 thereafter.
- Run Rules – 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5
- Flip Flop – If the visiting team exceeds the run rule between innings 4-6, the home team will remain at bat and become the visiting team. If the team (new visiting team) does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the run rule the game is over. If they reduce the run difference to below the run rule, then the new home team will bat. If the new home team subsequently scores enough runs to exceed the run rule the game will be over. If the situation reverses, the teams will flip/flop again.
- Halo Rule – A ball hit directly at the pitcher, within 2 feet of any side of the pitcher’s mound in any direction, head height or lower. Calls are at the umpire’s discretion and are not contestable.
  - 1st offense – Warning
  - 2nd offense by the same player – Batter shall be deemed out immediately and no runners shall advance.
  - 3rd offense by the same player – ejection (see ejection rules above)
- Sliding – Runners must avoid contact by sliding, jumping over the tag, or going around the defender (while remaining in the 3-foot lane), or will be called out.
- Fielders may not block the base/plate or obstruct the runner without the ball in their possession. This does not affect the crash rule.
- If the ball hits the dome in fair territory the ball is considered live and may be played.
- If the ball hits the dome shell in foul territory, the ball is dead.
- If a ball is caught after striking the Dome in fair territory and goes into foul territory, the result of the play is that the batter is out, and base runners are able to advance, and are liable to be put out.
- Overthrows – Ball is DEAD and runners advance one base.

## EQUIPMENT/FIELD SPECS

- Bats must have a legal USSSA or ASA/USA stamp →
  - USSSA 220 bats are legal in this league.
- Safe-T-Soft Balls will be provided by the League. Please leave balls in the field bucket after each game.
- **NEW 2025** **NO CLEATS** (including molded/rubber) – turf or gym shoes only! Please wear alternate shoes into the dome and put dry shoes on before entering the field of play.
- Teams are not required to wear matching shirts.
- Bases: 65 ft.
- Pitcher’s Plate: 50 ft, **Pitcher must have contact with the Pitcher's Plate when the pitch is released.**



## DOME RULES

- No Eating/Drinking inside the dome besides water
- No Alcohol/Tobacco on any part of the Recreation Center premises.
- No Seeds.
- Please refer to the parking map on TeamSideline or as sent to Team Managers
  - Street Parking on DOME SIDE of streets – **not residential!**
  - Parking lots at Conway Rec (2090 Conway St.), Sunray Library (2105 Wilson St) and St. Paul Youth Services (2100 Wilson St).

## CONDUCT POLICY/EJECTIONS

- Warnings: 1<sup>st</sup> offense - verbal, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – ejection.
- Ejected persons must leave the building immediately and will serve a “next game day” suspension. This means the player is suspended for the entire day of the team’s next scheduled game. Example:
  - Player is ejected from a doubleheader one June 1, but the team has a bye week on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Player is suspended from BOTH games of the DH on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Suspended players are not permitted to watch games on-site.
- Intentional physical contact towards another player or umpire will result in ejection from the **rest of the season from all Saint Paul leagues** and possible criminal charges.
- There will be no arguing with officials. Managers only will be allowed to ask rule interpretations. Please remember that officials are human as well and there is a nationwide shortage of certified officials. If you are interested in being paid to officiate on a night you are not playing, please contact our office.

**PLAYOFFS/AWARDS** – No playoffs or awards for Dome Softball.

**INSURANCE** – Be advised that neither the City of Saint Paul nor the league carry insurance for individual players or teams.

**VALUABLES** – *Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any damaged or stolen property while person(s) are participating in or near a City-sponsored activity or event.*

## THANK YOU

The City of Saint Paul would like to thank you for your team’s cooperation this season. Recreational leagues promote the many benefits of parks and recreation in our community. If you have questions or comments, please contact the League Director.

