

City of Westminster House Rules

- Bat boys/girls MUST wear a batting helmet
- No alcohol in the dugouts/on the fields. No outside alcohol allowed anywhere in the complex
- No warm up except in designated areas (grass only)
- Rosters remain open for Spring season. Freeze after 4th game Summer/Fall
- For safety the City recommends not wearing jewelry, do so at your own risk.
- Must run to the orange base on any single. In alignment with the USA Softball Official Rulebook, baserunners must attempt to avoid unnecessary contact with fielders trying to make a play to avoid collision. Interference calls are ultimately a judgment call by the umpire. (see USA Softball Supplemental Rules for further details, p.129)
- No metal cleats.
- All players MUST have a similar colored shirt with a visible number to play in any game.
 - Duplicate numbers are prohibited (exception: 1 male/1 female on the same team). Plain T-shirts & drawn-on numbers are acceptable.
 - Players must present their number before entering the batter's box PRIOR to their first at-bat (include on lineup if possible). No # = Batter Out
- 55-minute game times
- For teams that are short players: 10-minute running clock for first game, and 5 minutes for all subsequent games, if teams don't have enough players after the specified time limit game will be ruled a forfeit
- **Mercy Rule: Up by 15 runs after 4 complete innings OR 40 minutes played, up 10 runs after 5 complete innings played**
- Home runs: Upper = 2 + 1 up (3), Lower = 1+1 up (2), **Shag your own softballs to help keep them in play**
- Home Runs over limit – any over-the-fence home run that is hit after the max allowed for the division will be counted as a **single** out
- Must start game with 8, may play any 10 in the field, **may bat up to 14**. Any subs teams plan to play later in the game must appear on the original lineup card at the bottom
- No players standing outside the dugout when their team is up to bat (other than base coaches and on deck batter) if they remain after a warning, the batter will be called out
- Coed: Must have 4 men, 4 women to start. Teams may have 2 more males than females, but will take out when batting or may opt to use a rotating lineup. Can only have 1 more male than female defensively
- One courtesy runner per inning is allowed. In coed one runner per gender is allowed for a total of 2 per inning. The runner may be any legal player on the original lineup. No longer required to be last out or last to score. No additional runner for pitchers