

Petaluma Adult Softball Rules – Spring 2026 Season

Registration Procedures

- All teams must register online.
- All teams must submit roster before start of season.
- Teams not registering or submitting roster are not guaranteed participation.
- Registration deadline: April 1, 2026
- Deadline to pay registration fee: May 1, 2026
- No guarantee of division placement or returning division.

Player Eligibility

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must be on team roster.
- Only one team per division.
- Subs allowed only if short; subs may only play RF, 2B, or C.

Manager Responsibilities

- Responsible for team conduct.
- Ensure fields/dugouts are clean.
- Ensure compliance with league policies.
- Communicate with league coordinator.

Alcohol & Garbage Policy

- No alcohol on field.
- Intoxicated players ejected.
- No glass containers.
- Trash must be cleaned; violations may result in suspension.

Playing Rules

- ASA rules apply with local modifications.
- 1-1 starting count; extra foul ball allowed.
- Recreational: No new inning after 50 minutes.
- Competitive: No new inning after 70 minutes.
- Teams need 8 players minimum.

- Teams can play a maximum of 10 players on defense: C, P, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, LCF, RCF, RF
- Defensive positions may be substituted freely as long as the lineup remains the same.
- Extra hitters do not have to play defense.
- Run Rule: game ends early if a team is up by 20 after 4 innings or 15 after 5 innings.
- Pitch height: 6–12 feet.
- Batter may still swing at an illegal pitch. If batter does not swing at an illegal pitch, a “ball” will be called.
- Late players may join the game without delay at any time. Late players must bat at the end of the lineup.

Co-Rec Rules

- Scoring line rule is in effect.
- Men can only use wooden softball bats.
- Infield: minimum of 2 women and 2 men.
- Outfield: minimum of 2 women and 2 men.
- Pitcher/catcher: minimum of 1 woman and 1 man, until ball is hit.
- Can never be more men than women on defense.
- Batting order alternates genders.
- Any walk to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (female) will bat. Exception: if there are two outs, the female batter has the option to bat or walk.
- If a female player’s early departure or a male player’s late arrival means there are two consecutive male batters, there will be an automatic out between the male batters.
- Courtesy runners for Co-Rec games must be the same gender as the runner being replaced.
- No leading off bases.

Ground Rules

- Bases 70 feet apart.
- Out of play defined by fences/stanchions.
- No equipment on field.
- Double first base used.

Equipment

- Check approved aluminum bats online at asasoftball.com.
- No metal cleats.
- No jewelry.
- Mask and athletic cup recommended for catcher and pitcher.

Protests

- Must be declared before next pitch.
- Written protest within 24 hours.
- Ineligible players may cause forfeits.

Forfeits

- Game time is forfeit time.
- 8 players required to play.
- Ejections result in suspension.
- Each team allowed 1 free forfeit; additional forfeits fined \$50.
- A team may cancel a game if they notify the league at least 24 hours in advance. An attempt will be made to reschedule. If a reschedule is not possible, the canceling team will forfeit.

Code of Conduct

- No abuse of officials.
- No dangerous behavior.
- No intoxication.
- No smoking.
- Ejected players must leave immediately.
- Team managers responsible for enforcing code of conduct.