

## Architectural Softball League Rules 2024

The following is a list of commonly asked questions to our office. This is intended to be a quick reference for managers; we suggest that you keep this sheet with your scorebook. For detailed information on any of the following please refer to the LOCAL PLAYING RULES HANDOUT or THE ASA RULE BOOK.

- **Time Limit** – No new inning shall start 55 minutes after start of the game. (All games)
- **Tie Games** – will remain a tie, another inning may be played if time permits. (See Time Limit)
- **Ball & Strikes** – 3 balls, 2 strikes no courtesy foul. (Batter must hit ball fair on second strike)
- **Run Rule** – 20 runs after three innings, 15 after four or 10 runs after 5 innings.
- **All ‘E’ Leagues** – The half inning is over after 6 runs have scored. This rule may only be waived if both teams agree to do so at the beginning of the game.
- **Number of Players** – The Architects League Plays with 6 men and 4 Women. Teams may begin and finish with 9 players. A team cannot play with less than 9 players (a minimum of three must be women). A team can play with more than 4 women if it chooses, but no more than 6 men can be on the field at a time.
- **Co-Ed** – If a team has 9 players there must be a minimum of 3 women.
- **Batting Order** – Teams may bat entire lineup with 4 women and 6 men. Teams will create two separate lineups, one for males and one for females. Teams will then alternate batting by gender adhering to the lineup created for each gender.
- **Courtesy Runners** – Any eligible player that may participate on offense or defense and are on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used at any time once per inning. If a team goes through the entire line-up the same person may use another courtesy runner. In Co-Ed the courtesy runner must be of the same gender. The team is allowed one per inning, per gender.
- **Defensive alignment** – As long as there are a maximum of 6 men and 3 or more women on the field, their positions do not matter.
- **Home Team** – Listed on the schedule.
- **Game Balls** – Managers must provide a usable USA Softball approved ball for each game. All teams will hit their own game balls. An optic yellow 52COR 300 compression 12” for men and 11” women will be used in MPRB leagues
- **Ejection** – If a player is ejected the team must have a replacement or a forfeit will be declared.
- **Weather Info** – To check the status of games, please check our web site at, <http://teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/content/11994/Softball-USA>
- **If you cannot make a game**, please be courteous and notify the opposing team and the recreation office.