

3 Pitch Coed Rec Softball League

Rules Adaptations

The 3 Pitch Coed Rec League will abide by the current years A.S.A. Softball Rules, the LRCS Coed Softball Rules and Regulations and/or the following adaptations:

- TEAM**
A defensive team shall consist of 10 players, 5 players maximum of either sex. A team may play with only 8 players with a minimum of 4 men and 4 women.
- DEFENSIVE POSITIONS**
Teams must have 2 males and 2 females in the outfield, and 3 males and 3 females in the infield. A team may not have more than 3 of any gender in the infield or 2 of any gender in the outfield. Teams playing with 8 or 9 players may have 1 less (male or female) in either the infield or the outfield. The defensive pitcher may play anywhere in the infield. Free substitution into defensive positions is allowed for all players on the line-up card.
- PITCHING**
Teams pitch to their own batters anywhere inside of the pitching circle. A player must hit a fair ball by the 3rd pitch or the batter is out. Pitchers must pitch and remain in the pitching area, and may not interfere with any play. If the pitcher is hit by a batted ball before a fielder has a chance to make a play, the batter is out and the ball is dead.
- BATTING ORDER**
Players must bat in alternating order by sex. Teams may bat all players present at the game but must alternate the sex of the batters. This is achieved by listing male batters & female batters separately on the line-up card and alternating from one list to another. The lists remain the same throughout the entire game. Players arriving late to the game may be added to the bottom of the appropriate list. All defensive players must be listed on the line-up card and must bat.

Teams will not be penalized if a player is not able to play the entire game as long as the team has at least 4 male and 4 female players remaining. A forfeit will be declared if either team is reduced to fewer than 8 eligible players.
- CREEP LINE**
A creep line 175' from home plate will be used in all Intra-City League games. All four outfielders must stand behind the line until the pitched ball crosses the plate.
- COURTESY RUNNER RULE**
Teams may use as many courtesy runners as necessary for injured or disabled players. The courtesy runner may be declared any time before or during the game. The player who made the preceding out (same sex) must be used as the courtesy runner. Once announced, the courtesy runner rule will be in effect the entire game.
- RUN RULE**
Teams are allowed to score only five (5) runs per inning except during the 6th and 7th innings which are unlimited.

8. **OVERPLAY**

Overplay is not allowed except for a play being made on a runner at home plate. A man cannot take a play away from a woman, and a woman cannot take a play away from a man. An overplay infraction results in the ball being called dead, the batter is awarded first base, and all runners advance one base.

9. **DOUBLE FIRST BASE**

Whenever a play is being made by an infielder on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner must use the orange portion. On extra base hits or balls hit to the outfield, the batter-runner may touch either the white or orange portion. If the batter-runner opts to touch the white portion and contact is made with the defensive player, then the batter-runner is out.

10. **SECOND HOME PLATE**

A second home plate shall be placed 8 feet from the back tip of home plate on an extended line from first base. Runners must reach the scoring (second) base before the ball reaches the catcher at home plate (force out). The catcher must be touching the home plate. If runners touch the regular home plate, they will be out and the ball will remain live. A no-return line shall be placed 20 feet from home base. Runners passing the no-return line must continue their forward run to home plate. Runners tagged inside the 20 foot no-return line will not be out.

11. **GAME LENGTH**

Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour and 10 minutes from starting time. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes unless the game is tied. Tied games will be played until the tie is broken. The umpire's watch is the official time.

12. **KEEPING SCORE**

The home team will tabulate the runs scored. Teams are responsible for filling out the line-up card and maintaining the correct batting order. The home team is responsible for turning in the final score (on the Line-Up Card) to the umpire at the conclusion of the game.

13. **GAME BALL**

Each team must provide one new Baden SF12Y1 for each game. All teams will be issued 8 new game balls prior to the start of the season.

14. **UNIFORMS**

Teams are NOT required to have permanently numbered shirts or uniforms.

15. **FINAL STANDINGS AND AWARDS**

The team that wins the Championship game will be declared League Champion.

16. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

All players must be 14 years of age or older. Any player under the age of 18 years of age must have parent/guardian signature on the original roster or on an add/drop from.

Playing in the 3 Pitch Rec League does **NOT** affect player eligibility for other City of Eugene softball leagues.