



## Co-Ed League Softball Rules

We are playing under AFA CO-ED rules with the following exceptions:

1. All games will have a mercy rule of **10 runs after 5 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings and 20 runs at anytime**. All games will have a **50-minute time limit or 7 innings**
2. All line-ups must be submitted to the umpire at the pregame meeting. The game time will start immediately after the pregame meeting.
3. All protests concerning rule interpretation only will be handled by the On-Site Supervisor, and the ruling will be final. For all protests concerning illegal players see rule 3.5 in the Men's Slow Pitch League Rules.
4. **One courtesy runner per inning will be allowed** with the last out being the runner. The runner must be the last out of the same sex.
5. The batting order must be alternating male-female or female-male. Two female batters may bat in a row, but if two males bat in a row the second male batter is out and the next scheduled female batter will bat. If a male batter is walked, he will receive two bases and the next female batter can choose to bat or not to bat. If she chooses not to bat she will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.
6. All games will use the commit line and the second home base. Any runner advancing beyond the commit line must advance to home and will be eligible to be put out if a defensive player has the ball and touching home plate. The second home plate will be used for all runners scoring. **A runner touching the first home plate will be declared out, only if there is a play at home. If no play at home, the runner will not be declared out. Stealing is NOT allowed.**
7. **No mat will be used for the Co-Ed DH leagues.** A mat will be used for all non-DH leagues.
8. On defense, the pitcher/catcher must be one female and one male. There must be two females and two males in the infield. If there are more males playing defense than females, each male batter above the number of females will be declared out (ex. there are 4 defensive females and 6 defensive males. The first 4 male batters are allowed to hit, the last 2 male batters will be declared out each time they are due up).
9. On defense, the infielders may not be on the outfield grass **and all outfielders** may not be inside the ball line when a female batter is up. A 12 inch ball will be used for both female and male batters.
10. We will be using a 4 Ball 3 Strike Count.
11. A pitching box will be used from the rubber at 50 feet to the line drawn at 56 feet. Pitchers may pitch from anywhere in the box within the confines of the pitching rubber. Pitchers must come set for 1 second then pitch within 10 seconds or after ordered by the umpire. Any under hand pitching motion is allowed including fakes, behind the back or between the legs. A 5 foot to 12 foot pitching arc will be used.

12. We will be using the 1-up home run rule. **The batter and all runners may walk-off after a home run, no advance base needs to be touched. There is no penalty if the batter and/or the runners touch any or all bases as this rule is intended to help speed up the game.**
  
13. Any version of the Miken Ultra 1, Miken Ultra 2, **Anaconda (both the original and new), Boombah, and all Senior** bats are illegal to use. All other bats meeting the 1.2 BPF standard and have a USSSA approval sticker will be allowed. Senior bats are allowed for Senior games only. A Senior player playing in a Co-Ed or Men's game is not allowed to use a Senior bat and the illegal bat rule will apply. **A player found using an illegal bat will be declared out and ejected from the game, the game will also be forfeited. A team with a player caught a second time will be disqualified from league play. A player using an altered bat will be declared out and ejected. Also, the City of St. George will comply with AFA rules, page 21, Section B – Altered Bat Policy. Any player accused of using an altered bat must voluntarily allow the bat inspection by the Softball Coordinator. The Umpire will remove the bat from the game, the On-Site Supervisor will tag the bat and send the bat to the Softball Coordinator for inspection. The bat owner may pick up the bat when notified by the Softball Coordinator. Failure to voluntarily give up the bat (hiding the bat in a bat bag, mixing the bat with other bats, or any other attempt to hide the bat will be considered a refusal) will mean automatic ejection from the game and a possible lifetime suspension from City of St. George leagues and tournaments. In addition, the game will result in a forfeit by the team. Anytime a player is struck with a batted ball directly, the bat and ball shall be removed from the game. The bat and ball will be sent to the Softball Coordinator for review and will not be used for the remainder of the game. The bat owner may pick up the bat when notified by the Softball Coordinator. If a player refuses to hand over the bat (hiding the bat in a bat bag, mixing the bat with other bats, or any other attempt to hide the bat will be considered a refusal) as requested by a City of St. George official, the above policy will be enforced. The player may receive a lifetime disqualification from the St. George leagues and tournaments.. A player found using an altered bat may be disqualified from playing in St. George for up to 5 years. Also the team will forfeit the game. All bats must have a safety knob that is a minimum of ¼” protruding at a 91 degree angle from the handle. It may be molded, lathed, welded or permanently fastened. A flare or cone grip attached to the bat next to the safety knob will be considered illegal unless it is at least ¼” from the safety knob.**
  
14. **A frozen roster must be submitted to the Site Supervisors on 4th week of a full league and on the 3rd week of a mini league. The roster must have all of the information included on roster in case of a protest. A protested player with incomplete information on the roster will be an illegal player. The Softball Coordinator may allow a team to add players in hardship cases (i.e. a team does not have 9 players to continue league play). Hardship add-on players may not be players who play at a higher level than the league the team is playing.**
  
15. **A player who has been ejected for any reason is not eligible to play in any St. George leagues until they have contacted the Softball Coordinator. After review of the ejection by the Softball Coordinator, which will include a review of the umpire ejection report, the Field Supervisors Incident report, and the players statement, the Softball Coordinator will determine if a suspension is warranted. Please note that all action of the player, including what lead up to the ejection, what caused the ejection, and what happened after the ejection will be used to determine if a suspension is warranted and if it is, for how long.**
  
16. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR SMOKING ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE IN THE SOFTBALL PARK COMPLEX**

