



## **COED SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1. LEAGUE DIRECTION**

A. The City of Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) reserves the right to establish regulations at any time deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the league. BPRD shall interpret all rules and regulations for the efficient operation of its program.

B. Flagrant violation of any league regulation or interpretation of such will result in individual and or team suspension, which forfeits all rights, privileges, registration and league fees, etc.

C. Alcohol or Gambling - NO PERSON SHALL: Appear upon the activity area at any time in an intoxicated condition or be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while participating, watching, officiating/instructing, or volunteering during an activity. The presence and/or the consumption of any and all alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all City parks. See BMC Section 7.02.120. Gamble or place bets concerning the outcome of an activity with any spectator, volunteer, official/instructor/person of authority, or participant.

PENALTY: 1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE: Ejection from the activity; automatic suspension from the following game, match or meet, and an incident report filed with the lead supervisor.

2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE or FLAGRANT: Expulsion from the Department's programs or use of facilities, and/or criminal charges filed. D. Use of Tobacco Products - NO PERSON SHALL: During the course of an activity as a participant, spectator, volunteer, or official/instructor/person of authority; partake in smoking or chewing tobacco products.

PENALTY: 1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE: Individual/team will receive a warning.

2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE: Individual/team shall be ejected from the activity; automatic suspension from the following game, match or meet, and an incident report filed with the lead supervisor. 3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENSE or FLAGRANT: Increased suspension of games, matches or meets or to a maximum penalty of expulsion from the Department's programs or use of facilities.

### **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

A. Manager means an individual designated by each team to represent that team at all League meetings and games and in all other matters relating to the league. Each manager is charged with the responsibility for keeping his/her team players informed of all matters relating to this league.

### **ARTICLE 3. TEAM ROSTERS**

A. Team rosters may list a maximum of 18 players including a playing manager.

B. Rosters must be signed by the manager and all players. All players listed must be on file with the BPRD by the **2nd** league game. If a non-resident is added to the roster the manager must come in or call the BPRD office to pay the balance. It is the Managers responsibility to MAKE SURE THAT ALL players sign the roster. If a player is not on the roster he WLL NOT play in the playoffs and allowing unsigned players to participate in a game will result in a forfeit of the game, this includes PLAYOFFS.

### **ARTICLE 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

A. All players must be at least 18 years of age.

B. A player may play for only one team within this League.

C. Teams losing players during the season because of injury may add players on a one for one basis. Injury replacement players must fill out a Roster Addition Form and turn it in to the BPRD office prior to player's first game. Roster additions will not be accepted on the playing field and must be received by the BPRD at least 24 hours in advance of the individual participating in any league game.

D. New players may be added to the roster by filling out a roster addition form or signing the original roster. Roster additions will not be accepted on the playing field and must be received by the BPRD at least 24 hours in advance of the individual participating in any league game.

E. No additions will be allowed after the second game of league play, unless the player being added is replacing an injured player. A doctor's statement regarding injury must be submitted to the BPRD at least 24 hours in advance of the individual participating in any league game.

F. Players must have played in three league games to be eligible for the playoffs. (Exception) If a player is listed and signed onto a roster prior to the first game, has played in at least two league games and is then injured, they may with a medical release, be eligible to play in the playoffs.

G. Each player must show picture identification for playoffs. If a player is not on the roster they will NOT PLAY. Remember it is the manager's job to keep track of their roster.

#### **ARTICLE 5. INJURIES AND INSURANCE**

A. Injuries to players or spectators are not the liability of the BPRD. It shall be understood by all participants that the BPRD and all others associated with this league shall not assume responsibility for accidents during play or in coming to or returning home from games.

B. The BPRD urges all teams and/or individuals to provide insurance coverage for themselves and their respective teams.

#### **ARTICLE 6. EQUIPMENT**

A. One new official 12" softball will be provided for each regularly scheduled game and one (1) back up ball.

B. Each team must supply its own catcher's equipment and bats. Only official softball bats will be allowed. In the Coed league single wall aluminum bats for MEN ONLY. If a man swings anything but a single wall aluminum bat during game play, he will be ejected from the game. **Women will be permitted to use composite bats, but they must be USSSA approved.**

C. A mat is used at home plate for strike purposes only. The catcher must touch home plate for the out.

#### **ARTICLE 7. OFFICIALS**

A. The BPRD shall provide at each regularly scheduled game the best available game officials. In emergency situations where no game official has arrived by game time the best available substitute umpire will be used if agreeable to both team managers prior to the start of the game. The umpire MAY NOT play in the game.

#### **ARTICLE 8. PROTESTS**

A. Notification that a protest is to be filed must be given to the umpire at the time of the decision. The umpire upon receiving such notification shall immediately inform the official scorekeeper that a protest has been filed and shall also notify the manager of the opposing team of the action. Within 24 hours after the conclusion of the game in which the protest occurred, the written notification signed by the manager of the protesting team that states the issue must be delivered to the BPRD office.

B. Protests of eligibility of a player must be filed with evidence of the violation with the BPRD. The team using such a player forfeits every game in which the player was ineligible and participated.

#### **ARTICLE 9. PLAYING FIELD**

A. The pitching distance shall be 50 feet but a pitcher can pitch from up to 60 feet for safety reasons as long as they stand with in the rubber. The distance between bases is 65 feet.

## **ARTICLE 10. FIELD RULES**

A. Official umpires are provided by the BPRD and shall have full authority over players and managers at all times. Umpires shall have the authority to order any player, manager or coach out of the game or off the field for unsportsmanlike conduct.

B. At least (4) men and (4) women must start a game. **No more than (5) men may play on the field at any time.** Ten defensive players may take the field. The tenth player must remain in the outfield. When playing (10) fielders, there must be (2) men and (2) women in both the infield and the outfield. Outfield will alternate male female. When playing (8) or (9) players, there must be (2) males and (2) females in the infield. You may bat up to 2 women at the end of the batting order. There can never be more men than women in the line-up. When playing (8) players, the opposing team is to furnish a courtesy catcher. It is the courtesy catcher's responsibility to return the ball to the pitcher. The courtesy catcher does not make plays at the plate.

C. The pitcher and catcher may not be of the same sex.

D. Batters will start with a one and one count.

E. An inning shall consist of three outs or once through the line-up. One time through the line-up does not apply in the last inning for either team.

F. The **Maximum Number Batting** in any given inning will be determined by the team having the greatest number of equal opposite sex players playing at the beginning of the game, not to exceed 18. Example: Team A has 12 players and Team B has 10, the batting order for that game is 12 for both teams. The batting order must consist of alternating sexes. If a team has one extra player of the same sex, they may substitute the player in the lineup for a member of the same sex. Once a player has been substituted, they may not re-enter the game.

G. No bunting; must take a full swing.

H. A runner cannot leave base until a ball is hit or the ball crosses the plate area. Runner stepping off base before the ball is hit will be declared out.

I. Because there is no sliding in Coed League you can over run the base, in the event of a collision at the base you can run to the right side of the base as long as you are within 12 inches of the base.

J. **Obstruction** – the act of a fielder while not in possession of the ball, or not in the act of fielding a Batted Ball, or taking a proper position to receive a Thrown Ball (Thrown Ball must already be in flight) which impedes the progress of a Runner who is legally running the Bases. The Obstructed Runner shall be awarded at least one base beyond the base he has legally touched before the obstruction. The Umpire may also award the Runner all other advanced bases, he or she believes the Runner would have made, had no obstruction occurred.

**Both fielders and batters must make every reasonable attempt to avoid collision. At the Umpires discretion, the player instigating a collision may be called out, and / or ejected from the game.**

K. In Coed league all outfielders must stay at least 165 feet from home plate until the ball is hit (Outfield cones or a painted line will be provided to mark the 165 foot mark). Infraction will result in the batter being awarded first base.

L. No metal cleats allowed.

M. **Courtesy Runner** limit of (1) per player per inning, If you bat through the batting order in the same inning you may use a courtesy runner for the same person. The runner shall be the last out of the same sex.

N. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat. NOTE: If the next female chooses to walk, it is not considered an intentional walk for the purpose of making an appeal. No inning shall end with walking the last batter, if it is a male batter the female batter may take 1<sup>st</sup> base if she chooses and the next male is to hit. The only exception is the last batter has left the game and it is already considered an out in the line-up; then the pitcher may walk the preceding batter to get to the last out.

O. Team members are reminded to remain behind the restraining line to ensure safety and interference with play. Non-uniformed sponsor may sit in dugout and shall be governed by the league rules. **NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.**

P. Games will be 7 innings or time limit as stated in ARTICLE 11. There are NO extra innings. At least 4 innings must be played to constitute an official game where unforeseen events prevent continuation. You will receive 2 points for a win, 0 points for a loss, 1 point for a tie and -2 points for a forfeit.

Q. If the game boards are not working, the scorekeepers watch shall be considered official time.

R. Loose bats, balls, gloves, equipment and apparel of all kinds must be kept out of the playing area during games.

S. No smoking or chewing tobacco on the field of play or in the dugout area.

T. A 15-Run rule will be effect after 5 innings. This does not apply in the final inning.

U. Infielders may not start in the grass portion of the field. Before the hit, their feet must be in the dirt of the infield.

V. In Coed league: A runner going to 1<sup>st</sup> may NOT be thrown out from the outfield. The outfielder MUST hit a cutoff prior to making the play.

W. There is no sliding in Coed league.

X. Poaching: Players may not intercept a batted ball which is playable by another position player. A single will be awarded to the batter in the instance a poaching play is determined by the umpire.

Y. For the safety of the catcher and the runner a scoring line at home plate will be used. Players are required to score by crossing over the scoring line extending from home plate and not by touching home plate. The catcher plays home plate and the runner plays the line. If you make contact with the catcher while the catcher is in contact with home plate you will be called out. Once the runner crosses the commitment line they will be called out if they re-cross the line towards third base. The fielder cannot tag the runner but instead must touch home plate while in possession of the ball. The catcher must make the play at home. If there is an overthrow at home and the catcher has to leave their position to go get the ball, anyone can cover home.

AA. Home Run Rule (per game): One for One equalizer rule throughout the entire game. Team going over the equalizer will be a dead ball out. Team hitting Home Run must retrieve the ball.

BB. Only the Manager and Umpire may speak to the scorekeeper during game play.

CC. Each team must provide a line-up card for the scorekeeper that they are able to keep.

## **ARTICLE 11. TIME REGULATIONS**

A. Time Limit to all games: 60 minutes. No new inning to start after time limit. An inning already in progress at the end of 60 minutes shall be completed. No extra innings

B. At least 5 minutes prior to each game each manager must submit to the umpire a written line-up. First and last names are required.

C. Games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time shall remain a tie. No extra innings.

D. There will be a 15 minute grace period during the first game of the night. All other proceeding games, there will be a 5 minute grace period. Grace period starts at game time with the scorekeeper starting the game clock, if there are not enough players at the end of the grace period a forfeit will be declared, if enough players show up during the grace period the game will start with the time left on the time clock, time clock will not be reset.

## **ARTICLE 12. CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ONLY**

A. Game Length: Games will be 7 innings long with no time limit.

B. 20-Run Rule: If a team is down 20 runs after 5 innings, that team loses and the game is over.