

Winfield Recreation Commission Co-Rec Softball Rules

The official ASA softball rulebook will govern play for all situations except when in conflict with local rules as noted:

NEW FOR 2018: NEW RULE CONCERNING BATS USED IN GAMES. ALL BATS MUST HAVE THE ASA STAMP ON THE BAT, NO EXCEPTIONS. IF CAUGHT USING A NON-ASA STAMPED BAT DURING THE GAME, THE PLAYER WILL BE EJECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND AN AUTOMATIC OUT WILL BE ASSESSED EACH TIME THE EJECTED PLAYERS SPOT IN THE LINE-UP COMES TO BAT. IF THE SAME PLAYER IS CAUGHT USING AN ILLEGAL BAT A 2ND TIME IN ANOTHER GAME, THAT PLAYER WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE LEAGUE FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. AS IN THE PAST, EACH BATTER WILL BEGIN THEIR AT BAT WITH A ONE BALL, ONE STRIKE COUNT.

1. **SOFTBALLS:** Balls must be ASA stamped (COR .52/300 Compression). Both men and women will hit 12 inch balls. WRC will provide balls for every game. Teams can't hit their own balls.
2. **EXTRA PLAYER (EP):** Teams are limited to twelve (12) players in the batting order, two of which would be an EP (Extra Player). **The EP is optional, but if it is used, it must be one male/one female** and it must be made known prior to the start of the game and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the EP's are used, they must be used the entire game. Failure to complete the game with the EP's results in an automatic out. If EP's are used, all 12 must bat and any 10 may play defense. **A team can never bat 11 players.** The EP may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game.
3. **PLAYERS:** Teams may play with a minimum of eight (8) players. Maximum of seven (7) men on the field at any one time and a minimum of two (2). Maximum of eight (8) women on the field at any one time and a minimum of four (4).
4. **BATTING ORDER:** You can not have more then 3 men batting in a row at any point in the line up. Line-ups should be turned in to the official scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to the start of each game.
5. **WALKS:** Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award if the male is followed by a female. If a male walks and is followed by a male in the line-up, the male will only advance to first base. The next batter (if a female) will bat. EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat. A male runner advancing to second base without touching first base shall be called out if properly appealed.
6. **DEFENSIVE POSITIONS:** There is no requirement of number of men or women in the infield and/or outfield.
7. **RUN RULE:** There is a 10-run rule after 5 innings and 15-run rule after 3 innings. There will be a one-hour time limit on all games. If game is tied after 7 innings and the time limit has expired each batter will begin each at bat with a 3 ball 2 strike count. Each team will get chance to bat until a winner is determined.
8. **ADDING PLAYERS:** Players may be added anytime during the season as long as they have not played for another team. Players must be listed on the roster before they are eligible to participate.
9. **CRASH RULE:** In order to prevent injury and protect the defensive player attempting to make a play on a runner, the runner will be called out if he/she remains on his/her feet and crashes into a defensive player holding the ball and waiting to apply a tag. In order to prevent a crash

ruling, the runner can slide, jump over the top of the defender, go around the defender (inside the baseline), or return to the previous base touched. Note: If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender will be ejected. A runner may slide into a fielder.

10. **ANY ARGUING ON THE JUDGEMENT OF BALLS AND STRIKES WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM WARNING. ANY REPEAT OFFENSES MAY RESULT IN THE EJECTION OF THAT TEAM MEMBER.**
11. **TRAVESTY RULE:** When a team employs tactics noticeably designed to delay or to make a mockery of the game. Example: When a team refuses to score or a defensive team purposely allows a team to score in order to play more innings, the umpire shall give a warning. If the team continues its tactics, the game may be declared over by the umpire.
12. **175' OUTFIELD LINE:** All outfielders MUST be positioned behind a line marked at 175' from home plate until after the ball is hit, by either a female or male batter. Penalty for moving inside the 175' line prior to the ball being hit is as follows:
 - a. Batter may elect to allow play to stand
 - b. Batter may elect to replay the pitch
13. **HOME RUN LIMIT:** There is a limit of 3 over-the-fence home runs per team per game for all leagues! For any in excess of 3, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and no runners can advance. Any fair fly ball touched by a defensive player that goes over the fence in fair territory, should be declared a four-base award and shall not be included in the total of over-the-fence home runs. Both male and female home runs count towards Co-Rec limit.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Winfield Recreation Commission sponsored leagues are designed solely for the recreational values derived by the players, manager, coaches and spectators from the sport of softball.

Any player, team, manager, coach or spectator who displays any form of unsportsmanlike conduct such as flagrant rule violation, vulgar language, engaging in fighting or obviously attempting to injure anyone, threatening or purposely touching a league official before, during or after a game may be suspended from the league and/or all leagues sponsored by the WRC. In addition, the team may be placed on probation. Fees will not be refunded.

Any person ejected from the game shall leave the facility immediately, **NO SIGHT/NO SOUND.**

Failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the offending team. The coach or manager shall be responsible for actions by his/her players and spectators and for informing them of all rules. Badgering or taunting the opponents, officials or spectators is strictly prohibited and is grounds for suspension.

When a player, manager or coach is ejected he/she is automatically suspended for the next game. A second ejection in the same season will result in that player being removed from the league for the remainder of the season.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON MISCONDUCT AND PROFANE LANGUAGE. UMPIRES WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE THIS RULE AND ANY VIOLATION BY PLAYERS OR COACHES WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION AND ONE GAME SUSPENSION.