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Men's & Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Rules

Players

1. Rosters: 12-player minimum; 20-player maximum.
2. No METAL CLEATS ALLOWED
3. **No players will be added to the roster after first game!!!**
4. **Players MUST play in a minimum of 5 games before participating in playoffs!!**

Rules of Play

1. The Department of Recreation and Parks shall approve game balls; only USSSA certified balls will be used.
2. Bats will be required to have an official USSSA stamp.
3. All teams must have a designated coach that manages the team and players. That coach is ultimately responsible for his team and the actions of the players on the team. Managers are also responsible to pick up trash after games.
4. All games will be played with 10 players on the field at a time. You can start or finish a game with only 9 players – any less and the team will forfeit.
5. Up to 12 players are allowed to bat.
6. All games have a 1 hour & 10-minute time limit.
7. Games will start at the scheduled time. Time limit starts at the start of when the game is supposed to begin, not when the team shows up.
8. If an earlier game uses the 1:10 time limit the next game will start as soon as the first game's teams are off the field – have your lineup ready!!
9. 1 home run allowed per team per inning. Any excess homeruns will be considered outs.
10. Count will start at 1-1 with a waste.
11. 1 courtesy runner per inning – **MUST BE LAST OUT!**
12. All other game rules will adhere to the USSSA slow-pitch rules and regulations handbook.

Co-Ed Rules

1. 3 girls must be on the playing field at all times
2. Batting: If you walk a guy with a girl behind – girl has the option to walk or take an at bat.
3. 1 Home run per inning: any additional home runs will be considered outs unless a FEMALE hits a home run.

DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR

1. The umpire will not tolerate any foul language, unruly behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or fans. Foul language or fighting by a player or coach will result in an ejection. Any player or coach receiving **2 ejections** will be dismissed from the league for the remainder of the season.
2. Anyone receiving an ejection is removed from the game, and is **suspended for 1 game following the game the player was ejected from.** Any players receiving an ejection must also leave the facility.