



ADULT COED SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The current edition of the ASA Rule Book, along with the City of Sun Prairie Recreation Division's "Adult Softball Rules and Regulations" will be the official rules governing this league. The coed rule modifications will supersede all others where applicable.

I. Pitching:

- A. Arc limits will be a minimum of 6 feet for all and a maximum of 12 feet for women batters, unlimited arc for men.

II. Batting Order:

- A. Teams must alternate men and women in the batting order.
- B. A team may begin and play with only 8 players. It must be equal number of men and women.
- C. If a team plays with 9, it must either be 4 women and 5 men or 5 women and 4 men. No penalty for having same sex bat last and first in the order
- D. If there are at least 5 men & 5 women present at game time, a team must list a minimum of 10 players in the batting order.
- E. Teams may bat more than 10 players if they are present at the start of the game and the number of men and women must remain equal (may not bat 6 men and 5 women or vice versa).

III. Fielding:

- A. There will be 10 players in the field. For exception refer to section II-B&C.
- B. Teams may decide players fielding positions.
- C. For players listed in the batting order, there is free substitution in the field on defense.

IV. Substitutions:

- A. All substitutions must be on a man for man and woman for woman basis (this includes courtesy runner).

V. Base on Balls Rule:

- A. On any 3 pitch walk to a male batter (intentional or not) the next batter, a female, has her choice of walking or hitting.
- B. If a batter has at least one strike, and then walks, the next batter **MUST** hit (male or female).

VI. Sliding:

- A. NO sliding at home plate
- B. Sliding is allowed at all other bases. No metal spikes!

VII. Plays at home:

- A. At home plate, at all times, (whether there is a play there or not) the base runner must touch the black mat and the catcher has the white base.
- B. To create a force situation in all instances, a chalk line will be placed across the baseline, half way between home plate and third base (approximately 30 feet from either base). Once a base runner has touched or crossed the line, the runner must continue to home plate and cannot return to third base. The runner will be out at home by the catcher or another defensive player **tagging** home plate. The runner may return to third base safely after crossing the line, if the batted ball goes foul or another rule requires the runner to return to third (bat out of order, illegal bat, ball out of play, time out, etc.).
 - 1. Exception: If catcher taking home plate would impede the runner, the catcher may tag the runner to avoid a collision. If the catcher causes a collision, the runner will be safe. It will be the umpire's discretion.

VIII. League Schedule:

- A. The season is a 10 game season.
- B. At the end of the season, if there are any teams with the same win-loss record for first place in the league, we will use the tie-breaker procedures in the Adult Softball Rules & Regulations.

IX. Rosters:

- A. Limited to 18.
- B. Max of 6 non-residents that live and work outside of Sun Prairie is allowed to be considered a Resident Team.
- C. Last day to add players to your roster is Friday, June 14th by 4:30 pm.