

City of Cleveland
Department of Public Works, Division of Recreation
2019 FALL ADULT SOFTBALL MODIFIED RULES
FOR COED LEAGUE

TIME LIMIT: No new inning may start after 60 minutes, unless the game is tied.

CURFEW: No inning may start after 10:55 p.m.

GRACE PERIOD: THERE IS A 10 MINUTE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE FIRST GAMES OF THE DAY ONLY!

THE OFFICIAL SCORER WILL WRITE DOWN THE STARTING TIME ON THE SCORE SHEET. Umpires announce starting time to coaches and players before the first pitch.

JEWELRY:

1. ALL **eye rings** must be removed—players may not tape over them.
2. Large chains that hang outside the uniform are not permitted.
3. Players ***must*** remove any jewelry the umpires deem unsafe or detrimental to the game of softball.

CO-ED PLAYER RULES

1. Teams must have 9 players to start the game. The missing player's spot in the batting order will be recorded as an out. The female / male may enter the game immediately upon their arrival.
2. Batting order must alternate male & female. You may start with a female or male batter. (6 males & 6 females if EP's are used)
3. On defense, there must be 2 male and 2 female outfielders. 2 male and 2 female infielders and the pitcher / catcher battery must consist of 1 male and 1 female.

COED WALK RULE

1. If the male batter walks, it is a two-base award. The male batter will go directly to second base. Runners on base only score if forced from the male runner advancing to second base. The female batter must bat—she does not have an option to walk.

Note: The exception is **Only with 2 outs**, if the male is walked, (intentionally or unintentionally), the female has the option to bat or take a walk.

EXTRA PLAYERS IN CO-ED

1. If EP's are used, they must be listed on the starting line-up prior to the first pitch of the game and must be used the entire game. **Failure to complete the game with the EP's results with an out being called when that batter comes up in the game.**
2. If the EP's are used – all 12 players must bat and any 10 may play defense provided the proper male / female defensive alignment is followed.
3. Defensive position may be changed but the batting order must remain the same.
4. The EP's may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP's may re-enter only once.

COURTESY RUNNERS IN CO-ED (The male or female who makes the last out)

1. The Courtesy Runner must run for the same gender: males run for males and females for females.
2. Teams may use a male and a female courtesy runner in each inning.

RUN SPREAD: 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS **and/or** 10 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS.

HOME RUN LIMIT is three over the fence homeruns per team. Batters and base runners **DO NOT** run the bases; all runners go immediately to their dugout. Excess home runs are OUTS.

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EXTRA INNING RUNNER ON SECOND BASE AT START OF THE INNING:

The visiting team will start with a runner on second base which is the last batter from the previous inning in any game that goes into extra time (Beyond time limit) or extra inning (due to a tied score).

THE PITCHER'S ARC IS 4 FEET – 10 FEET

NO STEALING IN THE COED LEAGUE:

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT will not be tolerated!! For our league to be successful the teams must respect each other and respect the umpires and the scorers; in turn, the umpires and scorers must respect the players and coaches.

BROOKSIDE PARK GROUND RULE:

The areas down the foul lines at Rose and E-Ilder fields are not completely fenced in. If a batted ball hits in fair territory and then rolls past the 300' arc in foul territory, the umpire will rule it a GROUND RULE DOUBLE. **Any ball a defensive player throws, kicks, or fumbles past the 300' arc, will cause the umpires to award each base runner two bases from the point the infraction occurred.**

APPROVED SOFTBALL BATS:

ALL BATS APPROVED BY THE ASA ARE LEGAL. ILLEGAL BATS (ASA NON APPROVED) ARE PRINTED BELOW. **THE ASA BAT RULE (#3—SEC. 1) IS PRINTED ON PAGES 37—39 OF THE 2019 USA RULEBOOK.**

ILLEGAL (NON APPROVED) BATS:

A complete list of all ASA Non-Approved bats is posted on the bulletin board. Additionally, each team manager and scorekeeper has been given the list.

THE ASA WEBSITE: www.asasoftball.com HAS A SECTION ON EQUIPMENT WITH COLOR PICTURES OF ALL NON APPROVED BATS. THIS SITE IS UPDATED FREQUENTLY.

PENALTY FOR USING AN ILLEGAL BAT:

FIRST OFFENSE: EJECTION & ONE GAME SUSPENSION
SECOND OFFENSE: EJECTION & TWO GAME SUSPENSION
THIRD OFFENSE: EJECTION & SUSPENDED FOR 2019

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QUESTIONS?: Call the league administrator at (216) 664—2326