

2017 Adult Co-Ed Softball League Rules

1. ASA slow pitch softball rules are followed except where Moab Rules apply. If a team is unable or unwilling to follow the rules it shall forfeit the game. (An official 2014 ASA rulebook is located in the top file drawer of the Ballpark office.)
2. All players must be registered with Moab City Recreation and have completed liability waiver on team roster. **Only FEMALE players will be allowed on the “floating” roster, these temporary or substitute players MUST READ & SIGN the “floating” roster before playing. Failure to do so will result in a team forfeit and the player losing eligibility to play the remainder of the season.** A player on another team’s roster may NOT substitute for another team, unless it is a practice or forfeited game.
3. Maximum Players: 10 players on the field (minimum of 4 women); teams may bat 11 players.
A team will forfeit the game if less than 4 women are present to play.
Minimum Players – 7 players on the field (minimum of 4 women)
A team will forfeit if less than 7 players are present to play.
No automatic outs are assessed for playing with less than 10 players.
Teams can elect to play the game “for fun” after an official forfeit.
4. Games are limited to seven innings or a **80 minute time limit** commencing from scheduled start time (not game time), whichever comes first. **A new inning will not be started with less than 5 minutes remaining.** City Recreation staff has the prerogative to end late-starting games early in order to begin the following game on time. An **automatic forfeit is awarded if a team does not have the minimum number of players (7 total, 4 women) at the scheduled start time.** It is possible to have a double forfeit. **Games will not be rescheduled.**
5. If there is a 12 run lead after the completion of five full innings the game will be called.
There is a 20 run rule after the completion of three full innings, the game will be called.
6. Age 15 and over **may** play.
7. **Umpires:** Home team is listed first on the schedule. Visitors are listed second. The **home** team from the late game will provide a base and plate umpire for the early game. The **home** team from the early game will provide a base and plate umpire for the late game. **A team that fails to provide umpires will forfeit its next game.** Teams with forfeits will be penalized by receiving a lower tournament seeding. Captain/contact persons for each team are responsible for arranging the umpire schedule for their own team.
8. **Scorekeepers:** An official scorebook will be kept by the home team. Scorebooks are kept in the office of the field house. Scoreboard control will be kept by the visiting team. Controllers are to be signed out and in by the individual operating the controller. Controllers **MUST** be turned off and plugged in after each game.
9. Arc on pitch must be a minimum of 6 ft. and a maximum of 12 ft.
10. One new ball and one ball from the previous game will be provided for each game. **All balls are to be returned to the fieldhouse after the game.** Teams are not to keep balls.
11. When a woman is up to bat, no outfielder, no matter what gender, will cross the outfield line prior to the batter swinging the bat; infield players must remain on the dirt of the infield. The line will be marked at a distance half way between the bases and the outfield fence.

12. A double first base will be used for safety purposes. All defensive plays must be made on the interior (white) bag (i.e. the first baseman cannot step on the outside bag to force a runner out). Runners must use the exterior (orange) bag (i.e. a runner who steps on the interior bag only is not safe).
13. For Field 1, no more than 3 home runs are allowed per team per inning. Any home run hit over 3 in the inning will be counted as an out; base runners may not advance. For all other fields, only one home run per gender per team is allowed per inning. Any additional home runs in the inning will be counted as outs; base runners may not advance.
14. **Metal cleats are allowed. However, a player wearing metal cleats will not be permitted to slide feet first at an time.**
15. Bats must bear the official ASA stamp and not be listed on the non-approved bat list for the NCAA or ASA.
16. Men will start with a one strike count when they come to bat. *After two foul balls in a row a person is OUT.* If a man hits two foul balls, not necessarily in a row, they are out.

For example: Come to bat with one strike.

2nd pitch is a foul ball = FOUL

3rd pitch is a foul ball = OUT

Another example: Come to bat with one strike.

2nd pitch is a swing & miss or a called strike = STRIKE

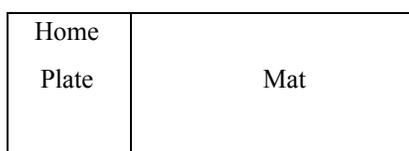
3rd pitch is a foul ball = FOUL

4th pitch is a ball = BALL

5th pitch is a foul ball = OUT

Women will start with no strikes. Women are out if they hit 2 foul balls after their second strike.

17. **An interference rule** will govern plays at second and third base (see rule #16 for home plate) when a close play is on the bag. **Players must attempt to avoid collisions** when possible. If a player does not attempt to avoid collision and the umpire feels that interference occurred as a result, the runner is out. All other base runners will return to the base last occupied at the time of the infraction.
18. All plays at home are force plays. To get a runner out at home a catcher must possess the ball while touching the primary home plate (not the alternate home plate) before the baserunner touches the alternate homeplate (not the primary home plate). A catcher cannot tag out a baserunner. Once the baserunner has crossed the “no-return” line (15’ from home plate) they cannot return to third. They must continue home. If they return back cross the “no-return” line they are automatically out.
19. Designated runner for an injured player only. **The runner may be any player of the same gender.**
20. ASA Rule 7, Section 2 Subsection D: Batting order shall alternate by gender. No more than two men may bat in a row in the order, ever. *(Even when going back to the top of the order.)*
21. A plate mat will be placed over the triangle portion and behind home plate to assist in indicating balls and strikes. A strike is called if the ball falls within the arc range and lands on the mat. Any ball that lands on the portion of home plate not covered by the mat is a ball. (See diagram for placement of mat over/behind home plate.)



22. **Tournament play**

a. Pickup players: Each team may not add more than 3 pickup players to their roster for the end-of-season tournament.

Pickup players must have played at least three games for that team during the regular season.

b. Teams with 3 forfeits on during the regular season (for any reason) will not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament.

c. For roaming roster players only: At the time of the tournament, all players on the roaming roster must choose a team that they have played a minimum of three games for during the regular season, and may play for that team alone for the duration of the tournament.