

Important notes:

1. Score Sheets have to be signed at the end of each game by captain and umpire to verify game scores. If there is a protest later in the year on the score, we are going by these sheets. Make sure you sign because these sheets are final!
2. The mat and the plate are considered the base. A player can touch the plate or mat at home.
3. A runner must slide or give himself up. No charging into defenders. Even at home!
4. No composite bats. Any player caught using an illegal or composite bat can be suspended for one year. And the team will forfeit the game in question.
5. Umpires will check bats before games. The umpire can judge by eye. He can use the bat ring if he chooses. A player has the right to request the ring test if an umpire says a bat can't be used and didn't use the ring. Dented bats that do not pass through the ring can not be used. Bats that are cracked or have end cap damage can't be used. If an umpire rules a bat out it is out.
6. Pitching Arc is 6' – 12'.
7. Home run rule is 3 up. A team can have 3 more home runs than their opponent at all times.
8. No metal spikes. Any player caught wearing metal spikes has to change or come out of the game.
9. Call for rain-outs after 4:30 at 223-4322.
10. Rosters must be in by first game. Captains can turn in rosters at the first game to the city employee working the field. Any team whose roster is not in before the first week will not play until it's in, or forfeit if the game was still played. Blank rosters will be available at all of the fields. Rosters can be added onto until week three.
11. All completed rosters will be available at all fields. Any player eligibility protests can be done at the time of the game. Team captains ONLY can request a fieldworker to take the necessary steps for this procedure. The procedure goes as follows: The game will start as schedule. The field worker will contact Chet or Harry. If the player in question is not an eligible player, any game he participated in will be a forfeit. Identification may be requested for a player in question.
12. The score books must have all players first initial and last name legible in the book. An umpire or field worker will oversee this. Any refusal, and game can be forfeited.
13. Taping the handle of the bat is allowed as long as the tape isn't wider than the knob at the end of the bat. Rubber ends are also allowed as long as the rubber isn't wider than the knob at the end of the bat.
14. A DH CANNOT play the field under ANY circumstance. An EH is considered a position player and can interchange with players in the field as a position player would.
15. Any player coming out of the game, INJURY OR OTHERWISE must be replaced by a sub. If no sub is available he is an out each remaining at bat. Injured player may reenter for substituted player. That substitute can reenter as a sub later in the game. An injured player CANNOT be removed from the line up to allow the EH to play for him. Only a substitute can take his place in the line up. Any position player, including an EH, can take his spot in the field. If a team is playing with nine players, game will be stopped no longer than 15 minutes. If he can not reenter, the game will be forfeited.
16. If a team has only nine players to start with, they have the option to insert ten players in the line up. If, at the time of the absent players at bat, he is still not present, the team must declare him out of the game or take an out, each of his remaining at bats until he arrives. A player CANNOT just be inserted at the end of the line up at the time of his arrival.
17. All games should finish with the same amount they started with. Following exceptions are as follows: If there is no substitute available you can finish with one less only if, he leaves with an injury, or has to leave for an emergency. But, he will be an out each remaining at bat. If a player is ejected a substitute must be used or the game is forfeited, even if the game was started with eleven players.
18. Any other rules of emphasis are within the pamphlet provided to each team. For other rules in question, refer to the ASA rulebook
19. Please, refer to the softball website for up to the date information.
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