

# 2016 Co-ed Adult Softball

## Additional Rules

- Foul language will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate ejection and/or suspension. Foul language will be enforced through our USSSA umpires.
- This league is for adults at least 18 years old and older.
- Final rosters are due by **the last day of the regular season**. **NO** additions may be made after that time. Online roster submissions only.
- Teams can start the game with eight (8) players. Teams must have at least eight (8) players ready to play by the starting time of the game. There is no grace period. If a team has less than eight (8) they will forfeit the game. Players that arrive late can be added at the bottom of the lineup when they arrive at the field. This may be done with batters 9 through 12.
- Teams will be permitted to have one courtesy runner per game. If no out has been made the courtesy runner will be the batter at the bottom of the lineup. **A courtesy runner is permitted for injured players.** This will count as your one courtesy runner for the game. If any injury has occurred prior to the game played, it is the manager's responsibility to make the opposing manager aware of that injury. Injured players will be granted a courtesy runner for the entire game. The courtesy runner used will be the player that made the last out. In addition to injured players, **a player that has a physical ailment that may cause that player more harm or injury will also be granted a courtesy runner.** Any player that has a physical ailment must declare the ailment at the beginning of the game. If a player does not inform opposing teams about injuries or ailments, then teams must follow substitution rules according to USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws handbook (*Pg. 30, Sec. 5*).
- Each team is permitted five (5) home runs. If teams both reach five (5) home runs, the home run rule will be 1-up from that point on.
  - The run-rule is as follows: 20 runs after three (3) innings; 15 runs after four (4) innings; and ten (10) runs after five (5) innings. The ten (10) run rule is applicable in a game after 4-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead or after five (5) or more completed innings.

- A player is prohibited from playing on more than one team in the same league. (A player *can* play in two *different* leagues.)
- Any ejection from a game-in-process is immediate.
- Managers are responsible for full control of their team members and fans. In a team manager's absence a member of the team must be designated as the team's manager and they assume the same responsibility. During the game player questions and disputes will be channeled through the team manager to the umpire. Umpires will not discuss calls with players. Team managers may discuss calls or disputes between innings or when an umpire calls a time out.
- Any player ejected from a game for foul language will result in a one-game (or more) suspension, at the City of Green Parks and Recreation Administration's discretion.
- Any player ejected from a game for physical conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, or is observed to be in a physical altercation before, during, or after a game will result immediately in a two-game (or more) suspension, at the City of Green Parks and Recreation Administration's discretion.
- Home team must finish current inning prior to the start of the next game, unless the home team is ahead, then there is no need to play the home half of the inning.
- Illegal bats are the following: Miken Ultra #2, DeMarini Flipper, and any *altered* bat; i.e. painted, sanded, or plugged. Please check [USSSA.com](http://USSSA.com) for a complete listing.
- Protest fee - \$50 (cash only). Protest of a game must be filed with the City of Green Parks and Recreation League Director by 4:00pm the following business day. Protest will then be sent to the USSSA for a ruling. If protest is overturned – result is a refund. If protest is upheld – result is a loss.
- Cleats – **NO METAL CLEATS** will be permitted. Rubber or plastic cleats are acceptable.
- **Bat girls or bat boys are not permitted. No children are permitted in the dugout.**
- There will be a 70 minute time limit for each regular season game.

- A game that is TIED at the end of the designated game period (70 minutes) shall be continued until one team has scored more runs than another team at the end of a completed inning.
- By week two of the season teams must at least have matching colored shirts with the team name on them and a number on the back.
- If a team is going to forfeit the manager must notify the League Director no less than one hour before the first game of the league so the League Director can call the USSSA Assigner and cancel the umpire for the game(s). (Ex: First game of the league is at 5pm but your team plays at 7pm the League Director needs to know no later than 4pm if your team is going to forfeit.) If your team forfeits after that time the forfeiting team will be charged the full \$20 per game Umpire fee. This fee will come out of your teams \$40 Umpire deposit check. Any remaining balance will be returned to your team at the end of the season.
- Illegal bats are the following: Miken Ultra #2, DeMarini Flipper, and any *altered* bat; i.e. painted, sanded, or plugged. Please check USSSA.com for a complete listing. All bats must also have a current USSSA stamp on them or they are considered illegal.

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- Ten players may be on the field, five males and five females.
- Positioning requirements: two males and two females in the outfield. Two males and two females in the infield. One male and one female as the pitcher/catcher. You may have more females than males on the field but never more males than females.
- Co-ed with extra player(s). If one extra player is used, the player must be female. If two extra players are used one female and one male or two females can be used.
- If a male is walked, he automatically goes to second base. If there are two outs and a male is walked the female has the option to walk or to bat.
- A defensive player may not block the base if he/she does not have the ball.
- If a female player is injured or ejected and no female replacement is available, then the following male must be removed from the game also. An out will be called for the female each time she would be up to bat. But no out will be called for the male.

- If a courtesy runner is used, the runner will be the last out of the same gender.
- Sliding is allowed at all bases.
- A runner may not try to dislodge a ball when a defensive player has it. The runner will be automatically out even if the ball is jarred loose. If the action is flagrant the runner will be ejected from the game.
- A runner may not jump over a defensive player to avoid being tagged out.
- Batting line-up should be alternating gender order. Male, female or female male. Two males are not allowed to bat next to one another in the hitting lineup, but two females are permitted.

## General City of Green Park Regulations:

- Dogs are not permitted in the City of Green Parks with the exception of Southgate Park, Central Park, Ariss Park, & East Liberty Park.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any City of Green Park. Green Ohio Code of Ordinances 612.07 (b) (3)
- No smoking permitted within 100 feet of a dugout.

## Tournament Rules

1. Players must be on your roster in order to play in the tournament. Managers may challenge player eligibility at any point in the game. Challenging a player must be done after the first pitch is thrown or before the last out of the game. **The League Director will not check player eligibility after the last out of the game.**
  - a. If a player(s) is challenged, everyone (players on both teams) will need to present a form of identification. This must be a picture I.D.
  - b. If a player is not on the roster or have a picture I.D., that team will be eliminated from the tournament.
2. **DO NOT BRING OR USE AN ILLEGAL BAT!** The League Director will consult with a USSSA representative to inspect suspicious bat(s). Anyone found to be using an illegal bat will be banned from City of Green Softball Leagues for life. Additional sanctions from USSSA may also be imposed.
3. During the tournament the home team will be the team that has the higher ranking in the league. (Ex: #3 vs. #7 - The #3 seeded team would be the home team for that game.)
4. Tournament games cannot end in a tie.