

## CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

### GENERAL RULES

1. Games will be played by USSSA rules and official softball rules as adapted by the International Joint Rules Committee on softball except when in conflict with one of the following rules:
2. **Line-ups** will be turned into the scoreboard **10 minutes before game time. \*\*\*One line-up given to the umpire at home plate prior to the start of the game. First and last names** need to be written on the line-up. \*\*\* **Prior to the start of the game** coaches need to notify scorekeeper of any additions to their roster/game line-up & who are sub players from another team so they can be checked off for that game. No infield warm-up on game field before game or between innings.
3. The home team will be decided by the flip of a coin before each game.
- \*4. Six male and 4 female players will constitute a team. **4 women must be present to start the game.** A game may be played with as few as eight players, four men and four women, of which six must be rostered players. **The batting order will alternate with no more than 2 men batting in a row.** A team may play with more females than males.  
The line-up can entail 6 guys & 4 girls, 7 guys & 5 girls, 6 guys & 6 girls, 5 guys & 5 girls, 8 guys & 6 girls, etc.  
extra players will be subs and can only sub for the same person in the batting order - they may alternate every inning if desired.
5. Batter starts with a one ball, one strike count. If a male batter walks he automatically gets second base (**only if followed by a female batter**) and the female can choose to walk or hit. If she chooses to walk, she does not have to touch home plate first.
7. Fielding positions: There must be a minimum of two men and two women playing the infield positions, and two men and two women playing the outfield positions. There are no restrictions as to how the fielders are arranged. The Pitcher/catcher can be any mix. Once the infield and outfield positions are established, players cannot switch positions in that inning. Defensive players cannot switch on particular batters. **On Female batters - Outfielders** must stay behind the **200ft** line until the ball is hit.
8. Game time is 5 minutes after the previous game ends or scheduled time, whichever is later. Five minutes after game time is forfeit time.
9. **No new inning will start after 1 hour, 10 runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings. TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP** game will consist of 7 innings no time limit but run rule will still be in effect.
10. Five innings (4 ½ if home team is leading) shall constitute a regulation game if called because of weather, etc. Note: All rain-out games or games called that are not regulation games will be replayed from the beginning.
11. All games postponed because of rain or other reasons will be posted on website @ [www.prattrecreation.com](http://www.prattrecreation.com) by 5 p.m. or call the hotline at 672-3484 on the day of postponement. Make-up games will be rescheduled as soon as possible and managers will be notified as soon as the rescheduling is done.
12. Five (5) warm-up pitches are allowed before the game; two pitches are allowed between innings.
13. The 11" **47 core** softball will be used when a female is batting, and a **12" 44 core .375 compression** softball will be used when a male is batting. **\*\*on both balls markings MUST BE LEGIBLE.** If it is discovered that the pitcher is pitching the wrong ball while a batter is at the plate, simply switch balls. If it is discovered after the batter has hit, play will continue.  
Each team will supply game balls to the umpire at the beginning of the game 1 male & 1 female ball.  
**\*\* Teams must retrieve homerun balls and foul balls quickly to keep the game running smoothly. Clock will not stop while teams retrieve official game balls.**

14. Players are not required to wear uniforms. Teams should be dressed alike as nearly as possible.
15. Playing barefoot, in flip flops or sandals is prohibited.
16. No metal spikes allowed. Rubber molded cleats are permissible (men or women).
17. Batters, base runners and catchers may wear a helmet.
18. No exposed jewelry may be worn, such as watches, bracelets, earrings or neck chains, while playing.
19. If a ball goes out of the playing field, pitchers cannot wait for that ball to be returned. They must throw at least one pitch with another ball if instructed to do so by the umpire. Teams need to retrieve all home runs and foul balls and return them to the umpire as quickly as possible.
20. The batter is automatically out on the second foul ball after two strikes.
21. A batter detected of entering the batter's box with or using an altered bat will be called out and ejected from the game without warning.

### **PLAYER/SUBSTITUTION RULES**

1. A game may be started with as few as 8 players, 4 men and 4 women, or more females than males of which 6 must be rostered players. (Including tournament)
2. Sixteen years of age is the minimum age limit for participation.
3. **B League - a limit of (2) college baseball or softball team players** per game.  
**Church / Rec. League - No college baseball or softball team players.**
4. **SUBSTITUTES:**  
  - \*\* Players are allowed to substitute within their own league or **ABOVE**. Rosters will be **FROZEN 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last game of the season. Teams will be required to play with the roster the Rec. dept has on record .**
  - \*\*\*\***Tournament Play- All players** must have played in **2 league games** for the team that they are playing tournament with to be eligible for tournament play.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. No crash plays of any sort - penalty: ejection from the game. It is the runner's responsibility to avoid contact at any base.
2. Sliding is suggested to avoid crash plays and injury.
3. Protests will not be heard except in regard to player eligibility.
4. **Throws from outfield to 1st base or home plate need to be made in a controlled fashion. Injuries occur in these instances. At the discretion of the umpire, a player can be disciplined or ejected for violating this rule.**
5. Eligible team personnel who are properly registered with the team that is playing shall be the only ones in the dugout during the game. These individuals must remain completely in the dugout and out of the playing area with the following exceptions:
  - a. The on-deck batter in the appropriate circle.
  - b. One bat boy/girl at the equipment area and when retrieving equipment.
  - c. One coach at first and third base coaches' boxes.
6. Uniformed members of competing teams are not permitted to sit in the bleachers during their game.
7. Managers, players and spectators should avoid any conversation with the scorer unless absolutely necessary.
8. In case of a dispute, managers are the only ones allowed to talk with the umpire. If a manager wants to inquire concerning a call, he must call "time" and request an explanation in a calm and respectful manner, and he is the only one allowed on the field to confer with the umpire. Other players, coaches and assistants must remain in the dugout.
9. As with all programs that Pratt Recreation Department sponsors, a supervisor will be present at all games to handle any problems which may arise. Verbal abuse or threats from any participant or spectator to the supervisor will not be tolerated. The Pratt Recreation supervisor is the final authority concerning all decisions made and participants must respect and abide by their decisions.

**Reminder - Pratt city ordinance prohibits alcohol at all city parks, including Greens Sports Complex.**