

Senior Softball

45

Topeka Kansas

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**Tuesday 45 +
COORDINATOR:**

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COACHES TUESDAY NIGHT:

A League of Their Own

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Aches N Pain

Arlene Marshall

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Classics

CC Muckenthaler

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Skinny's Nuthin Fancy

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Still Got Game

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RESERVE or EXTRA PLAYER POOL: Tuesday 45+

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Laurie	Martinez	785-3835706		utility
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Cathy	Singles	785-256-2230		utility
Karen	Schneller	785-749-4183		3rd, ss
Michelle	Campbell	785-845-7981		outfield
Deanna	Blair	785-221-5580		pitcher
Lisa	Traphagan	785-806-5070 785-286-1299 or 785-286-1299		outfield
Garrie	Opitz	785-305-0183		Outfield, catcher
Mary	LeClere	785-271-4442		Outfield
Cheryl	Hamilton	785-844-2697		Outfield Rt, 2nd
Jean	Teske	785-317-1803		1st, Infield
Sara		785-224-4042		3rd, SS
Darla	Brown			Pitcher, Cather, Utility
Marci	Alstatt	785-806-5105		SS, Outfield, 2nd, Utility
Glenda	Haverkamp	785-260-5623		1st, catcher, utility

PLAYING RULES

Playing rules will be in accordance with Senior Softball Rules of SSUSA EXCEPT as modified by the following Topeka Senior Softball League Rules adopted by the Managers and Players' Representatives.

AGE (All Leagues)

A player must be at least 45+ years of age during the calendar year to be eligible to register and play in the Topeka 45+ Softball League. The age a player attains on his birthday will be considered to be his age for the entire calendar year.

BATS/BALLS/EQUIPMENT

All Slow Pitch bats are to have BFP 1.21 and below. Older bats prior to BPF standard are OK to use. Softballs COR 52/300 or lower (yellow) MAX. Pitchers should check for COR on balls. A catcher's mask (hockey or any other non-reflective protective mask) with throat protector may be worn by any pitcher or player. The ball can be order online from AD STARR SPORTS.

Home team will furnish a new ball and visitors will furnish a used ball clearly marked with COR of .52 and compression of 300.

All leagues will allow use of all bats.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Face mask with or without a throat protector may be worn by any player. Any exposed protective equipment must be non-reflective material.

BATTING (All Leagues)

A team shall bat all players on their roster in a game. If one or more of these players leave the game for an emergency, no automatic outs will be recorded. When those players turn at bat comes up they will be lined out on the score sheet. Minimum of 7 roster players is required to start and continue play. If a person pays to play on a team no pick-up player/players will be allowed to play over a player that is on the roster and has paid to play on his team. Injured roster players, who physically cannot play, may sit in the dugout while a substitute player plays in their place if all other substitute conditions are met. Such injured roster players are allowed to coach the bases.

PITCHER'S BOX (All Leagues)

The pitcher's box shall be a box the width of the pitching rubber (17 inches) extending from the pitchers rubber 6 feet toward 2nd base. The pitcher may deliver a pitch from anywhere inside the box. All pitches must begin with both of the pitchers feet located inside the box. Umpires judgment will prevail on any illegally delivered pitch. Pitching height will now be minimum 6 feet and maximum 12 feet. Pitch counts starts with 1 ball and 1 strike.

PITCHING SCREEN (45+ League)

45+ League Only – A pitching screen can be used. The pitching screen must be used in the proper way. If the pitcher is not using the screen in the proper way, a warning will be issued to the pitcher and to the team manager. If, in the opinion of the umpire, that pitcher continues to not use the screen in the proper manner, the umpire may remove the pitcher from the pitching position for the remainder of the game. If a batted ball hits the screen, it is considered a dead ball with no change in the batter's count.

SCORING PLATE (All Leagues)

A scoring plate (run through only) shall be placed 8ft from the back tip of home plate on an extended line from first base. A line will be drawn from 3rd base to the scoring plate. A defensive player can not make an attempt to tag or force out an offensive player out at the scoring plate. Result; offensive player is safe.

COMMITMENT LINE (All Leagues)

A three foot (3') commitment line shall be marked 20' from home plate, perpendicular to the foul line between third and home plate. Once a runner's foot touches the ground on or past this line, the runner may not re-cross that line in the direction of third base. I.e. The runner **MUST** continue toward the **SCORING PLATE**. Violations will result in an out. All outs recorded at home plate are force outs.

STRIKE ZONE MAT

A strike zone mat shall be used and will be made of rubber or similar material. The mat will measure 19 inches wide and 35 ½ inches long with a V-shape at one end that fits against the back of home plate. Together the strike zone mat and home plate shall form a rectangular shape 19 inches by 32 ½ inches. A legal pitch not swung at that strikes any part of the strike mat or home plate shall be called a strike by the umpire. Due to this rule the batters box will be extended an additional 6" in front of home plate.

COURTESY RUNNER

A courtesy runner may be any player on the team roster. Each player on your team roster may be a courtesy runner once per inning. A courtesy runner on base when it is his turn to bat will be declared out. Any courtesy runner found running more than once per inning will be called out. A team may not substitute another courtesy runner for a courtesy runner already on base unless the runner is injured to the extent he must be removed from the game.

DOUBLE BAG FIRST BASE (All Leagues)

A **DOUBLE BAG** of equal size shall be used at first base with the double portion of the bag being in foul territory abutting first base. If there is a play on a batter going to first base, (force out at first) the **BATTER** must touch the portion of the **DOUBLE BAG** extending into the foul territory. The batter shall be called out for failing to do so. Conversely, a defensive player interfering with the batter runner being able to touch the double bag will result in the batter runner being called safe.

RUN RULE

Teams are allowed 5 **RUNS OR 3 OUTS** per inning, whichever comes first for 4 **INNINGS** of play, then unlimited runs each inning to finish the game. No inning will start after one hour. A tie score is not played off.

Game length will be 7 innings or 60 minutes unless run rule applies. If score is tied another inning will be played with unlimited runs during the inning also using the tie breaker rule. Starting at the top of each extra inning the offensive team will begin its turn at bat with the player who batted last in the inning before placed at second base. For example if the number five batter is the leadoff batter the number four batter who made the last out in the batting order will be placed at second base. No substitute runners are allowed until the runner reaches third.

Tuesday 45+ teams will play with eleven defensive players. The eleventh player can play either in the infield or outfield, but must be on the dirt or behind the 175 foot line until the ball is hit.

45+ All Home Runs are counted as Home Runs over the fence. Each team will be allowed two home runs then the 2 UP Rule will be in effect. Example Team 2 and Team 3 have each hit 2 home runs. Then Team 2 hits two and can't hit any more till Team 3 hits one. After home runs are used he batter will walk to first base.

REACHING FIRST (All Leagues)

Each batter must reach first base on his own.

DOUBLE PLAY BALLS (All leagues)

Runners declared out **MUST** make an attempt to get out of the play on double play balls. Umpire's judgment will prevail for interference.

ROSTERS/TEAM COMPOSITION

45+ Teams are made up of as many as 20 players on roster. All roster players will bat and be listed on the line-up. Only players that are designated as injured and are physically unable to play will be allowed in the dugout and will not bat. They will be allowed to coach the bases.

RESERVE POOL FOR LOST PLAYERS (All Leagues)

Tuesday 45+: If a team loses a player they may obtain a replacement player by calling someone from the Extra Players list.

COMPLAINING PROCEDURE (All Leagues)

Complaints may be verbally expressed to any Topeka 45 + Softball League coach first then passed on to the Coordinator. However, to assure consideration by the League, all complaints should be put in writing with careful attention to all pertinent facts and details. Independent reports may be requested from others involved in the complaint, in the interest of a complete and fair review of the matter at issue. All matters will be handled by the league coordinator supported by a majority approval from league coaches.

PROTESTS (All Leagues)

Any and all protests will be handled by coordinator in accordance with their current rules and procedures adopted by 45+ Senior Softball.

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE 45+ SENIOR LEAGUES ARE TO PROMOTE, DEVELOP AND CONDUCT COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL, TO HAVE FAIR PLAY, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, COOPERATION AND FRIENDLY RIVALRY. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EVERYBODY MUST SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.