



Adult Slow-pitch Softball Rules

Registering a team in a league does not guarantee placement. Please register early to ensure participation. League size may be limited. Shawnee County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to place your team in a different league on a different night if deemed necessary. Make up games, due to any reason will be rescheduled with relation to field availability and teams must play the game or accept a forfeit.

All players and coaches/managers are advised that this recreational activity does exhibit the element and possibility of a sports related injury. Shawnee County Parks and Recreation does not provide insurance for individuals or teams participating in our leagues or at our facilities. You are advised to refer to your individual policies. SCPR Staff and related agents are not responsible for injuries incurred by players or spectators at this activity. Children and spectators are the responsibility of a parent/guardian or coach/manager.

This program shall make use, when possible, of ASA approved officials and the ASA Rules Book. SCPR League Rules will supersede those of ASA.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: Offer interested participants an opportunity to participate in an organized softball program. The adult softball experience is designed to stress fun, fair play and good sportsmanship in all facets of the game. Players and spectators alike should remember that although sports are competitive in nature, each softball game and activities prior or postgame are not meant to be a win at all costs situation. We are striving to create an environment where everyone can enjoy themselves and participate in the game of slow-pitch softball for recreational value. Players/Umpires/SCPR Staff should work together as a team in enforcing and following rules.

Leagues offered include the following: Men, Women and Co-Rec spring; summer and fall sessions. See general information sheet when selecting league preferences. Teams that place 1st in 2016 will be placed in at least one league higher than 2016.

RULES OF PLAY: Official guide of play for Shawnee County Parks and Recreation is the A.S.A. Softball Rule Book, unless superseded by the following Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Softball Rules.

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS AND COACHES SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE SPORTSMANSHIP EMPHASIS.
2. ROSTERS: Team rosters are limited to 20 persons. Rosters are due in the league office no later than the first game. It is the responsibility of the manager/coach to see that their team's paperwork is complete.
 - Players may be on one roster at a time per division.
 - All participants in league play must be 16 years of age and have a parent/guardian signature.

- Any roster additions/deletions must be turned into the Sports Office 24 hours prior to the event.
 - Players may play on a team only if they are legally on a roster.
 - Using illegal players, which is a protestable action, may result in a forfeit.
3. LEAGUE COUPONS: Top finishers in each league receive coupons good towards another athletic league or credit on account. Standings are determined by win/loss records. If two teams have the same record at the end of the season, the tie will be broken in the following manner:
- Head-to-Head meetings
 - Total Runs Against (head to head meetings)
 - Total Runs Against (entire schedule)
 - Forfeit (if a team made any forfeits)
 - Coin Flip
4. UNIFORM: Team uniforms are highly recommended, but not a requirement. Numbers on shirt are suggested. A shirt, shorts or pants and shoes are required. STEEL spiked shoes, flip flops or open toed shoes, and playing barefoot is illegal.
5. SCHEDULE: When creating a league schedule all requests and conditions are evaluated to devise the optimal schedule prior to release. SCPR reserves the right to change, alter, or decline requests. Teams may have to play doubleheaders, play early and/or late games, travel within the community, accept the current online schedule or forfeit those games.

The athletics office requires a five (5) business day notice to change any schedule along with a \$30 administration fee (if the schedule has been released) for any schedule alteration (paid only by requestor). Your opponent should be contacted first about your request, and then at both the other teams and SCPR discretion the schedule may be edited.

6. HOME TEAM: Home team is designated as the second team on your schedule.
7. RAINOUT GAMES: For possible cancellation due to rain or inclement weather, you are advised to phone the ATHLETICS HOTLINE 785-251-4938. Updates occur daily after 4:30pm. Please do not phone county offices for playing conditions. These lines must remain open for communications for daily business matters. Notices will be emailed and posted online.
8. SUSPENDED GAMES: If a game is delayed because of inclement weather and then resumed that day/evening, time limit will be resumed from time the game was stopped. If a game is in extra innings when weather forces an umpire to stop play, official score is determined by reverting to last complete inning in which one (1) team was ahead (you should not revert prior to the 5th inning). Game is considered official and will not be rescheduled when 4 ½ innings have been completed and home team is ahead. If players or teams engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, time is never suspended.
9. FORFEITS: Teams that forfeit a scheduled game will lose that game by a score of 7-0. Please call both the athletic office and your opponent if you are going to knowingly forfeit a game before 3pm. Forfeited games rained out WILL NOT be rescheduled.
10. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO: Any player(s) seen with alcoholic beverages or 3.2 beer on Shawnee County properties are subject to the charges and penalties outlined in County Resolutions. Teams may be suspended in violation. Any alcoholic beverages in dugouts before or during the game will make that game subject to forfeit. Repeat offenders will be immediately suspended from ALL play at ANY complex. No smoking in the dugouts or on the playing field. Coolers, cups or other containers

are subject to search by any SCPR staff, Park Police or officials. Personal music or devices should not be heard or placed outside the dugout. (CODE POLICY CHANGE IS PENDING SO RULE CHANGE WILL BE UPDATED)

11. Any player who receives ONE (1) UNSPORTSMANLIKE violation will be ejected from the game and suspended for a minimum of two (2) additional games from all SCPR activities or facilities. Any player receiving TWO (2) ejections during the season will be suspended for a calendar year. The player and team will be on probation for a full year from the date of the most recent incident and any ejection will result in expulsion from SCPR programs and facilities. Unsportsmanlike behavior may include throwing at an opponent's body or head, or tactics employed noticeably designed to delay or make a mockery of the game or team or inflict harm. In any case the person involved and the coach/manager face possible ejection/probation.

GAME SPECIFICS

12. LEAGUE GAMES: Scorekeepers keep the official game time. Official game time will start when the umpire tells the home team to take the field. No grace period game time is forfeit time. See schedules for game time.
13. A complete game is 7 innings or a time limit of 55 minutes. 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.
13. Batter's count will begin with 1 ball and 1 strike; all leagues are granted a courtesy foul ball.
14. Managers please turn in your written line-up 10 minutes before scheduled game time.
15. BATS: Men will not be allowed to bat with any bat that states Miken Ultra, Miken Ultra II or other bats marked specifically for Senior Play in any men's or corec league. The penalty results in the batter being called out and base runners return to the last base occupied.
16. FIELD SETUP: pitcher's plate – 50 feet; pitching height – 6' min/10' max; base distance – 65'
17. OFFICIAL BALL: Each team shall provide at least one if not more game ball(s) with the compression (lbs) and .COR marked on the ball to the umpires at the pregame meeting at home plate. Teams will hit their own softball unless play merits otherwise. i.e. Foul ball, balls are deemed unplayable by umpire.
 - MEN'S: 12" softball must be 300 lbs. and COR .52;
 - WOMEN'S: 11" softball must be 300 lbs. and COR .52 or lower. In 2018 we will require the 300 lbs and COR .52,
18. COREC: the above combinations are acceptable this season GROUND RULES: Umpires discuss at pregame meeting with both managers.
19. Batter's Box: To help preserve batters boxes at all facilities, umpires have been instructed to warn to all teams on the first action; should a player continue to dig out batter's box following warning, player may be ejected.
20. Infield players must have both feet on the infield surface until ball is hit.

COREC PLAY GAME SPECIFIC

21. PLAYER RATIO:

- Teams should play five (5) men and five (5) women.
- Teams may begin or continue a game with eight (8) players or nine (9) players of which four must be females. automatic outs are enforced. Teams that have ten (10) players five must have females.
- Teams not fielding a full ten (10) players will have two (2) automatic outs with eight (8) players and one automatic out with nine (9) players.
- Batting order must rotate by gender when the numbers permit.
- WALKS: With two (2) outs and a male batter draws a walk, the following female batter will have the option to either take an automatic walk or take her turn at bat. The male batter goes to second base regardless of decision.

22. 175' COREC LINE: All outfield players must remain behind the 175' line marked from home plate until ball is put in play by either a female or male batter. Penalty for moving in front of 175' line prior to ball being hit is as follows:

- Play stands – manager's choice.
- Replay with same batter – manager's choice.

24. COREC DEFENSIVE PLAYERS POSITION: Teams do not have to have a certain ratio or order such as male-to- female positions. Examples: you may play a female catcher and pitcher, three male outfielders or five female infielders.

25. COREC LOWER LEAGUE HOME RUN RULE: Any players hitting a home run over the outfield fence in the lower league is out. Players return to the base occupied prior to the pitch.

26. EXTRA HITTER: An extra hitter (referred to as an EH) is optional. If used the EH must be used for the entire game and so listed in the regular batting order. The EH must remain in the same batting position for the entire game. Defensively the manager has the option to substitute any players, not to disrupt player's ratios. When using the EH, if a player becomes injured or must leave the game for any reason, and there is not a legal substitute available to play, an automatic out will occur in the vacated batting position. MEN, WOMEN and COREC teams may have one or two however, a lineup shall consist of 12 players max(including the EH).

27. IF an EH is substituted for by a pinch runner or pinch hitter that player becomes the EH. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. If removed, the original EH may re-enter the game in their original starting lineup batting position. The reentry rule applies only to the starting 12 players while they are legally in the game.

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