Ardmore Parks and Recreation Department's
Softball League Rules

All games are played under the rules of the **Amateur Softball Association** with the following exceptions:

Team Rosters are due prior to first game. After the roster is turned in, players cannot be added until after ¼ of the teams scheduled games have been **played**. Then only four (4) people can be added, if there is room on the roster. Open league rosters are limited to 20 players. Church leagues are limited to 25 players. **Players can only play on one (1) team per division. Divisions are "Men's," "Co-ed," "Co-ed Church" and "Men's Church."**

Team Uniforms are required. Teams must have matching shirts, same color, with no body alterations. Shirts must have a 6" Arabic number on the back. Players not wearing matching tops will not be allowed to play. **No Steel Cleats. No Sandals**. **No Boots.**

Time Limit for all games will be 57 minutes and will start at the coin toss (when the coin hits the ground).

For the 6:30 games only: Teams will be allowed to start with as little as six (6) players. However, when an absent batter is scheduled to bat, and the team still has less than eight (8) players (4 women and 4 men in co-ed), the game will be forfeited.

Line-up cards are due 10 minutes before the scheduled game time. Failure to turn in the line up card by game time will result in "outs" being called or batters being awarded first base.

Unlimited extra player -If a team uses this rule, it must be indicated on the line-up card: If a player (or players) becomes hurt, ejected or quits for any reason, that team can continue to play with an automatic out for each absent batter. A team can continue to play as long as it has eight (8) players. If this rule is used, any 10 players can play defense and everyone on the batting order must bat. Co-ed teams must have an alternating male/female (or female/male) batting order, while maintaining the proper balance on defense, 2 females in the outfield, 2 females in the infield and the pitcher or catcher must be a female (but not both).

The **Run Rule** for open league games will be 12 after 3, 10 after 4 and 8 after 5. The Church League Run Rule is 8 after 5.

The **Home run limit** will be the same as the current Oklahoma ASA rules. In the highest leagues, all home runs in excess of the limit shall be "outs," and the 1-up rule will not be used. In all other leagues, the first home run in excess is an "out," all subsequent home runs ends that time at bat. Players are not required to run bases on any home run or four (4) base award.

Player/Team Conduct:
Players should comply with the meaning and spirit of the playing rules. Purposely ignoring or willfully violating the rules will result in expulsion from the league.

Any team member that is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike reasons or conduct, will be required to pay a fifty dollar ($50.00) reinstatement fee and will be suspended for a period of one (1) calendar week (ejected on a Monday will not be allowed to play until the following Tuesday). A 2nd ejection will result in that player being suspended for a two (2) week period, paying a seventy-five dollar ($75.00) reinstatement fee and appearing before the Ardmore Executive Softball Committee before being allowed to play. If there is a 3rd ejection, the player will be suspended for one (1) calendar year. If a team has three (3) player ejections, the team will be suspended for one (1) week.

Fence Climbing:
In an effort to protect not only the players but to preserve the fence, climbing the fence to catch a fly ball will result in an automatic disqualification. Intentional fence climbing will result in an ejection. *This is a league rule and will not be enforced during tournaments.*

Awards will be given based on the size of each division. Team awards will be either plaques or trophies. **Individual awards will be limited to 12 per team**. If there is an All-star game, awards will be presented the night of the game. If there is not an All-star game, awards may be presented on the last league night after all games have been played.

No Call-No Show-As a courtesy to the other team(s), we are asking coaches to call the Parks and Recreation office (580-223-4844) if their team is unable to field a team for a game. If a team does not call the office by 4:30 on game day and does not show for games, there will be a $50.00 fine due before the team's next game. Teams that no call-no show 3 times in a season will be forfeited out of the league.

Refund Policy
If a team withdraws from the league before the coach's meeting, the refund will be entry fee minus $25.00. If a team withdraws during the coach's meeting but before the league schedule is complete, the refund will be entry fee minus $200.00. If a team withdraws after the league schedule is complete, there will be no refund.

The Ardmore Parks and Recreation Department and the Ardmore Executive Softball Committee reserves the right to ban any bat, ball or other equipment it feels necessary for the safety of the participants.

Insurance is not provided for any player, coach or spectator. The Ardmore Executive Softball Committee along with the City of Ardmore highly recommends each player, coach and fan purchase accident insurance. The coach assumes all duties regarding players understanding and signing the liability waiver/team roster. The coach also assumes all responsibility for any forged or altered signatures.

FIELD CONDITIONS and **RAIN-OUT** information will be available after 2:00 pm at the Ardmore Softball Complex at **223-5776,** as soon as possible. If the message is not current, games will be played as scheduled. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE!!!!!!!**