

City of Bedford Athletic Department
Softball League Bylaws ~ Coed
FALL 2010

The current USSSA and City of Bedford Softball League Bylaws will govern play. The additions and/or exceptions to the bylaws created specifically for the "Crazy Coed " league are as follows:

1. There will only be two umpires for each game. These umpires will keep the official score, official game time, as well as making all calls.
2. All games last 55 minutes, unless rule#5 (run rule/tie breaker) comes into effect. Immediately begin One Pitch. Last person out will be placed on 2nd. Cap at nine innings. Last pitch will begin regardless of who is at bat.
3. Uniforms - All players on the team must have same color of jerseys or t-shirts with affixed, no duplicating numbers on the back.
4. **Batting Order - A batting order must be turned in to the umpire and to the opposing team prior to the start of the game. The batting order must be followed with no batter batting out of turn, and all batters batting before returning to the top of the batting order. Only ten players (12 if EP's are used) on the batting order turned in to the umpire may bat.**
5. Run rule: 15 runs after the 3rd Inning; 12 runs after the 4th Inning; 10 runs after the 5th Inning.
6. All tie-breakers (if there is a tie at the end of the 7th inning OR when the clock runs out—whichever comes first) will be played out with the "one-pitch" rule (batters start with a full count, empty bases).
7. Teams must have a minimum of four (4) males and four (4) females present at game time in order to play. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.**
8. Any of the combinations listed below are allowed:
 - Four (4) males and four (4) females (MINIMUM to play), taking an out for the 9th and 10th batter. The outs will be assessed when the 9th and 10th batters come up to bat.
 - Four (4) males and five (5) females, taking an out for the 10th batter. The out will be assessed when the 10th batter comes up to bat.
 - Five (5) males and five (5) females (maximum on field), no penalty.
 - Five (5) males and six (6) females, no penalty.
 - Six (6) males and six (6) females (MAXIMUM on batting line up), no penalty.
9. Teams may elect to use "Extra Players" (EP's). If a team elects to use EP's, they must have the 12 players present by the time each position is up to bat according to the batting order lineup. If any player on the batting lineup is NOT present at the time of batting, an automatic out will be charged to the batting team at that time.
10. Roster - All team members **MUST** sign team roster to be eligible to play, however, teams can have an unlimited amount of players on their roster. Players may only play **permanently** on one team per league. Permanent refers to any individual playing more than 5 games with one team.

All permanent players MUST sign the team roster. The Athletic Department will only supply 16 individual awards to teams that finish 1st.

11. Each team must furnish a 11" and a 12", playable, **MAXIMUM 44 Core** (USSSA or ASA Approved) balls for each game. NO EXCEPTIONS.
12. If a male batter is walked, the next female batter has the option to walk as well.
13. The "Free Substitution" rule will be in effect. This rule allows free substitution of players of the same gender to alternate in and out throughout the duration of the game. Substitutes must play one complete full inning of play, that is, 6 concurrent outs. The batting order cannot change after the game begins. If a substitute comes in for another player, he/she can only bat for that one player for the duration of the game.
 - a. In the event of an unexpected injury, a team may drop their batting lineup from 12 to 10 players, keeping an appropriate male to female ratio as defined in rule #8 of the bylaws, WITHOUT PENALTY. Outs will only be assessed if the lineup reaches a male to female ratio that receives a penalty according to rule #8 of the bylaws.
14. Home Run Rule: One home run allowed per gender, per team, per game. Each home run after the allowed amount will be counted as a single (batter will advance to first base).
15. There will be a 10 run maximum per inning restriction until the end of the 5th inning. Beginning the 6th inning, unlimited runs are allowed for both teams.
16. If the Pitcher is hit by a line drive it will result in an automatic out.
17. The Athletic League Supervisor reserves the right to change and add any additional rules throughout the duration of the season. In the absence of the Athletic League Supervisor, ALL FINAL DECISIONS will be determined by the field attendant provided to us by the participating umpiring company/organization.
18. Forfeit Fee: If a team forfeits a game less than 48 hours before the start of the game, they will be charged a \$15 forfeit fee (per game). This will be assessed to the team captain's account through the Boys Ranch Activity Center. All fees can and MUST be paid in full before the team's next scheduled game. If the fee is not paid prior to the team's next scheduled game, the team will forfeit all following games and incur charges until their balance is paid off.

Thanks and let's have a great season!