



2024 Draper Fall Softball League Rules

General Rules:

1. We will be using NCS for our umpires this year and will be using NCS rules. A pitch must have a legal arc minimum of 5' from the ground and shall not exceed 10' at its highest point while in the air. Pitching distance is 53' - pitcher must have foot on rubber at the time of the release of the pitch. If a pitcher fakes, or is not in contact with the rubber it will be a "Dead Ball" and the pitch will be determined a ball. **A mat placed behind the plate will be used for the strike zone. Any legally pitched ball within the minimum and maximum height limits that hits the mat will be called a strike.**
2. Three balls, two strikes. Home team is the first team listed and will be in the third base dugout. A 12" ball will be used for men, 11" for women. **Per NCS COED Rules: Due to our league switching balls there is no COED line. However, COED teams may NOT play a 5 man infield and all infielders must be on the dirt. The outfield has to be in the grass in an umbrella formation and CANNOT be on the dirt.**
3. There will be a maximum of three (3) home runs per game! Any more than three (3) will be considered an out. **Home Runs will be a hit and sit. No need to run the bases. New this year— Each team will get 14 mens balls for the season. Additional balls can be purchased for \$8 exact. NO Venmo or change is available to be given. You should mark the balls with your team name. You will hit your team's balls. These are the ONLY balls that will be allowed to be used in this league.**
4. There is a must slide for all bases except first when there is a close play. (Umpire's discretion)
5. **50 minute time limit or 7 innings, whichever comes first. No new inning may be started after 50 minutes from game time.** RUN RULE: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. Flip-Flop rule will be in effect the last 10 minutes of the game(umpires discretion).
6. **In the event of a tie. 1(one) international tie breaker inning (Runners at 2nd & 3rd) will be used to determine a winner. If at the end of the inning both teams are still tied, the game will be called a tie and will be over.**
7. CO-ED 10 players play on defense. The pitcher/catcher combination must be 1 male/1 female. Infield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. Outfield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. When a male batter is walked intentionally or unintentionally, the male batter is awarded second base, and the following female batter must bat. EFFECT: The ball is dead and the male batter may go directly to the awarded 2nd Base without touching 1st base.
EXCEPTION: WITH TWO OUTS the following female batter has the option to bat or walk.
8. If a team wants to hit more women than men, the team can either lead off with a man or a woman but once the men run out at the bottom of the lineup, you must hit the rest of the women before the first man comes back up to bat. (for example... If a team is hitting 5 men and 7 women and

wants to lead off with one of the men, the lineup would look like this... Man, woman, man, woman, man, woman, man, woman, man, woman, woman, woman... then the lineup would start at the top again)

9. Mens/Womens Leagues: 10 players play on defense.
10. Teams must have at least 10 players for a full team. If a team has less than 8 players the game will be called a forfeit. In CO-ED there must be at least as many men as women playing at any time. Teams may play with more women than men, but not more men than women. Using players from the team you are currently playing or another team in the league will result in a forfeit. No auto outs will be given for teams fielding less than 9 players
11. Forfeit Rule: Any team that forfeits 3 games during the season will not be allowed to participate in post season tournament.
12. For COED(only) There will be a safety and commit line at home. Once a player crosses the commit line, said player must continue to home or be called out. Any play at home will be a force out.
13. **Teams are strongly encouraged to have matching(same color) shirts and MUST have a 6" number on the back.** Everyone must be in a uniform with a number on it by August 20th. NO DUPLICATE NUMBERS! NO TAPED ON NUMBERS! Shirts without numbers and shirts with duplicate numbers will cost teams a run on the first offense in the game and will be an automatic out every at bat after the first offense. Shirts must be worn on outside of clothing. In the case of cold weather, exceptions can be made.
14. No foul or abusive language will be tolerated. No fighting will be tolerated. Penalties for each of these violations are spelled out in the "Player Code of Conduct". Team captains are responsible to see that all team players know and adhere to the "Code of Conduct." Use of the "F" word will be an automatic ejection.
15. We will only allow 20 players on your roster. Changes (additions, replacements, etc) can be made to rosters through Friday, August 30th. After this date, the roster will be frozen for the rest of the season. Only players listed on the roster will be allowed to play. Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught; and will also be suspended for two league games. If caught during tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.
16. **TOURNAMENT** will be held at the conclusion of the season. Tournament games could be played on any night of the week. If you have a player that plays COED and MENS, games could overlap. Only 14 items will be given to the teams who win the tournament. **Tournament will be single elimination format. You can only play on one COED team and one MENS team.**
17. Rainout information call 801-576-6570. Updated between 3:30 & 5:30. Also check out our website for updated rainout information at www.draper.ut.us. We also suggest players add "Draper Recreation" on Facebook for weather and program updates. Any games lost due to rain will either be made up at the end of the season or on any day of the week.
18. In case of a rainout or power failure, the rainout rule will be in effect. If games are called due to rain, three (3) complete innings will constitute a complete game. Any less than 3 and the game

will be resumed at point of interruption. **Rainout games could be played any night of the week including Saturdays.**

19. Courtesy runners– 1 courtesy runners per team per inning for the batter only. Courtesy runner does not have to be the last out in that inning or the previous inning. The courtesy runner must occupy the base, once time has been called, prior to the next pitch. If their turn to bat coincides with being on base, the at-bat will be an out. In COED you can have one per inning per gender.
20. Any person caught with Alcohol will be suspended for the rest of the season!
21. **PITCHERS MUST WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET NOT JUST A FACE MASK!** Pitchers are also strongly encouraged to also wear full protective gear including shin guards, wrist guards, and chest/heart protection.
22. Only those people on your roster will be allowed in the dugout.
23. All bats must have USSSA, NSA, USA, or ASA stamp (No senior, baseball, or fastpitch bats allowed) **All bats MUST have a current stamp from the above list.**
24. When a player is ejected from the game, all their subsequent at bats will be considered outs.
25. No Metal Cleats!
26. NO alcohol / NO Smoking / NO glass containers / NO loud or vulgar music. No alcohol and/or smoking/vaping of any kind is allowed in the dugout or in the field of play. Any player caught NOT following these rules will be ejected immediately.