

COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES 2023

1. Games will consist of a 50 minute running clock or seven innings. No new inning will start after 50 minutes. The game clock will start at the scheduled game time or 5 minutes after the previous game. The clock will only stop when deemed necessary by the official. The championship game will not be timed.
 2. Home team has been assigned on the schedule for pool play and will be determined by a coin flip in bracket-play. *For the championship game, the team which has not lost in bracket-play will be the home team.
 3. **Roster** – due before the first team game and may not be added to during the tournament. A team consists of 10 players; a minimum of 9 players is needed to start a game. An automatic out will be given when the 10th position is scheduled to bat. Forfeit time is game time. No grace period will be given to start a game. 5 women must be on the team. You may bat up to 15 batters. The batting order should be in an alternating woman/man rotation. There may be as many women hitting back to back as you like, but never men.
 4. 12 inch ball for the men when hitting and an 11 inch ball for the women when hitting. Umpires will provide the balls for each game during the tournament.
 5. The positions must be filled as follows:
 - Pitcher/catcher (1 must be a woman)
 - You may not have more than 2 men playing the infield or outfield.
 - The pitcher/catcher does not count as an infielder.
 - Women can out-number men but men can never out-number women. **
 - A woman can take the place of a man in any position.
- **Can play with 5 men and 4 women however, the spot for the 5th woman on the lineup will be an automatic out.**
6. **Walks** - If a man walks then a woman following him has the option to hit or take a walk only if there are two outs, if there are less than two outs she must bat. If the woman chooses to hit, the man is still advanced to second base.
 7. **Home Run Rule** – The “one up” rule will be used. The “one-up” rule states: You may only hit one more home run than the other team. Example: Team A hits a home run, Team B may now hit 1 home run to be even or 2 home runs to be “one-up.” All other home runs are considered outs. A home team may go “one-up” after time has expired or in the bottom of the 7th to win the game. When a homerun is hit you do not have to advance to the next base (hit and sit). Teams are responsible for shagging their own home run balls.
 8. **Bat Information** – All bats **MUST** have the official USSSA stamp on them. Any exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Director.

9. **Mercy Rule** – If a team leads the game by 20 or more runs after the 3rd inning, 15 or more runs after the 4th inning, 10 or more runs after the 5th inning is complete, the game will be called.
10. **Courtesy Runners** – 1 courtesy runner 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. If the same batter who used a courtesy runner comes up to bat again in the same inning, a courtesy runner may still be used.
11. **Safety Base** – There will be a commitment line halfway between home and third. The only way a person can be put out at home is if home plate is tagged before they reach the safety base after they've crossed the commitment line. The safety base will be marked as a scoring line near home plate.
12. Playing with an ineligible/illegal player will result in game being called a forfeit and said player will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
13. All other rules follow Provo City League Rules or USSSA rules by default.