



## 2023 WASATCH COUNTY COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE



### New Rules:

**-Only USSSA approved bats may be used.** All bats must have **NEW** USSSA stamp!

If you are using a non-approved bat, the bat will be pulled from the game and 1 out will be given. A second offense using a non approved bat will mean forfeiture of that game.

-Batters **DO NOT** get an extra foul after the first strike like in the past. Now after the first strike no matter how it happens (swing & miss, foul ball, or called strike) the next one has to be a fair ball.

- **The pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber.** If foot is not on the rubber this will be considered an unfairly delivered pitch.

- **A catcher or any fielder can't block** the path to the plate or bases on a thrown ball unless he/she clearly has possession of the ball.

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A "tournament roster" with the max of 18 people must be signed and turned in to league manager by the end of WEEK 3. Only Players on the "tournament roster" will be the allowed to play in the league tournament **NO EXCEPTION'S**.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

During regular season play, a player may play with any team. However, during tournament play, a player can only be on **ONE** roster regardless of league and play for only **ONE** team throughout the tournament.

If a game is protested with an illegal player the following will occur:

- If protest is before game starts: Player will not be allowed to play in game
- If protest is during the course of the game: Team will forfeit game
- If protest is after the complete game: No forfeit and game will be recorded as complete
- Player must provide proof of Photo ID to the League Director at time of protest

Players must be 15 years of age or older. All participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the registration form **BEFORE** they will be allowed to play.

Players added after league play begins must have the League Director's approval, and must sign the roster/liability release prior to playing. Participating without having signed the roster/liability form automatically waives any claim of liability against Wasatch County, Wasatch County Parks and Recreation and all others associated with carrying out the Co-ed Softball Program.

A player is ineligible to participate if he/she is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time of the game. The decision is up to the Umpire's discretion.

### **LEAGUE REGULATIONS:**

Prior to each game a line-up card must be given to the opposing team, whether they ask for one or not. No line-up cards need to be turned in to the scorekeepers' booth or to the League Director.

If a game has not been completed after seven innings, the 50 minute time limit, or a 12 run lead after 5 innings, the Umpire will call the game at the end of the present inning. This will be a completed inning, and will be considered a completed game for league standings. If games need to end due to weather or other circumstances, games with three completed innings will be considered a full game for league standings.

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A Ten minute grace period will be given from the scheduled start time before a forfeit will be called or immediately after the proceeding game is over, whichever is later.

Each team should have 10 players to begin the game. If a team needs to begin play with 8 or 9 players, NO outs will be taken when the absent player would be at bat. You must have 8 players to take the field. Women can outnumber the men on the field, but the number of men must always be equal or less than the number of women. If a team has less than 8 players and is going to borrow players from the other (or another) team, it must be determined beforehand with the League Director if the game is considered a forfeit or if the game will stand as played.

Each team may bat up to 14 players with free substitutions, where the batting order remains the same. Line-up must be male-female, and you cannot have more men batting than women. If you will be making substitutions beyond the 14 players, then you must include the subs' names at the bottom of the line-up card, and notify the other team when a substitution is being made. Substitutions made beyond the 14 original players are subject to USSSA rules.

When hitting, a 12" ball will be used for the men and an 11" ball for the women. The batting order must be in a man/woman rotation. Women may hit back to back, but the men cannot.

Positions must be played so that the pitcher and catcher are of opposite sex, with the rest of the infield being two males and two females. If there are more females playing than males, then more females can be on the infield but not more males.

If a man walks, then the woman following him has the option to hit or walk. Even if the woman chooses to hit, the man still is advanced to second base.

Over the fence home runs will be allowed following the "One Up" rule. If team 1 hits a homerun, then team 2 must hit a homerun before team 1 can hit another one. If team 1 hits a second ball over the fence before team 2 has hit one over, then it counts as a single. The home team can go up 1 in the final inning.

Courtesy runners are allowed, 1 per inning, anytime, any base for the same gender. If runner is on base when batting position is up, that batting position is **OUT!**

Base runners must slide or try and avoid contact at any base.

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Parks and Recreation highly recommends that pregnant women do not participate for safety reasons. If you choose to participate at your own risk and at the risk of the unborn child you will not be allowed to play infield positions.

All players must wear some type of athletic shoes, No metal cleats are allowed.

**NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS.** No one other than players and coach/managers will be allowed in the dugouts.

Bats must be in designated areas at all times. We no longer allow children to be "bat boys" in the dugout.

Tobacco and alcohol are not permitted anywhere at the park. Violators will be asked to leave or removed from the premises. Any player displaying unreasonable conduct on the field will be automatically expelled from the game in progress and must leave the park for the remainder of the evening. Unreasonable conduct will be determined by the Umpire and/or the League Director. Any player that is expelled from two games will be disqualified from the remainder of the season. Any unsportsmanlike conduct displayed before, during, or after a game will constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a team or player. This rule extends to the coach/manager as well.

Any protests should be settled on the spot, addressed first with the umpire then League Director

Play at your own risk, medical insurance is NOT provided by the county. The Internet Site for rules & other information is <http://www.ussa.com/slowpitch>

**IF YOU KNOW AHEAD OF GAME TIME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO FORFEIT THE GAME, CALL Taylor AT 435-671-1884 SO THAT THE OTHER TEAM CAN BE CONTACTED.**

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