

ROY CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
ADULT CO-ED/MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

**CO-ED/MENS SLOWPITCH LEAGUE BYLAWS**

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**I. Administration:**

1. **League Format-** Teams which do not forfeit twice during the regular season will be ranked and placed into a championship tournament. Ranking will be determined by (A) regular season win-loss record (B) head to head win-loss record (C) coin toss. **The end of season tournament will be single elimination.** Team awards will be presented to the first place team in the league and the first place team in the tournament.
2. **Rosters-** Rosters may not exceed 20 players. A player may be removed from the roster at any time. A player may be added to the roster at no cost prior to the fifth game of the regular season. *Rosters must be turned in prior to playing the first game.*
3. **Player eligibility-** An eligible player is defined as a player who is at least 17 years of age and who is officially registered on the team roster. If a player is questioned as to identity by the recreation department, that player must present valid photo identification within 1 hour or before the next game if it is tournament play, or be ruled ineligible. Players may only participate on one team per league exception would be during just the regular season if a team is short players and the players who just got done playing a game can play with the short player team. ***For a player to be eligible to play in the end of season tournament, the player must be on the roster by the third week and must have played in at least three regular season games. If a player is declared ineligible (playing on a team for which he/she is not legally registered player) that tournament game AND any other tournament game that player has played or does play during that night will be ruled a forfeit.***
4. **Uniforms-** *No metal cleats are acceptable during play.*
5. **Cancellations-** An official decision regarding game cancellations due to weather and/or field conditions will be made by the recreation department by 4:00 p.m. Teams are responsible for checking with the recreation department to determine whether the game will be played or rescheduled or go to royrecreation.com. Please call 774-1048. **DO NOT CALL BEFORE 4:00 PM!!** If we make a decision before 4:00 PM, we will notify the team captain. Any rainouts will be moved to the end of the schedule or if we need to, we will play the rainouts on Friday. ***Please designate one person from your team to call the rainout line and then call your players.***
6. **Refunds-** Full refunds will not be granted under any circumstances except in the event of a cancelled league or tournament by the recreation department. Team withdrawal up to two weeks prior to the first scheduled game will be subject to a \$100.00 administrative handling fee. No refunds will be allowed after the first scheduled game. Refunds will be processed within 10 working days.

**II. Game Format**

1. **Game Time-** Teams must have their starting line-ups turned in to the scorekeeper at least 10 minutes prior to game time. **Game time is 50 minutes; no new inning will start if that time has expired unless the game is tied. Official time is kept by the umpire who will have a stop watch and begins when the teams are instructed to take the field.** Just for the first games of the night will have a grace period of 10 minutes to be able to get their team. **Games tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will finish the game up to the seventh inning. If the game is still tied after seven innings, the game will continue until a winner is decided.** Games called prior to 4 complete innings **OR** 35 minutes will be rescheduled and replayed from the point of interruption. Games called after 4 complete innings **OR** 35 minutes will stand, unless tied, in which case the game will be rescheduled and completed from the point of interruption. A team ahead by 20 or more runs after 3 complete innings will be declared the winner. A team ahead by 15 or more runs after 4 complete innings will be declared the winner. A team ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 innings will be declared the winner.

**III. Rules of Play**

1. A game is played with two teams. A complete team is defined as 10 players. Teams may play with a minimum of 7 players provided an automatic out is established in the batting rotation for each player missing from a "full" team. If additional players arrive late, they must immediately fill the vacant spots in the line-up. Teams may decide, at the start of the game, where the out is in their lineup. Once that decision is made, they are not allowed to change (coed must account for the male/female rotation when placing their out).
2. Pinch runners are allowed for any player. If a player is injured during the game you need to notify the umpire he or she will be using a pinch runner. If the player is injured prior to the game starting they need to notify the score keeper and umpire as well that they will be using a pinch runner. The pinch runner must be the last out of the inning, the conclusion of the prior inning or the last batter that just finished scoring.

3. Teams will be allowed to bat everyone and have free substitution. If you choose not to bat everyone you have to stay with that decision. Once you make your decision at the start of a game, you must continue to play by that decision.
4. Home run rule: **For Men's and for Co-Ed, it is a one up rule ex. Visitors hit a home run in the first inning; the visitors cannot hit a homerun until the home team hits a homerun. If the team that has the one up, the next homerun will be an automatic out.**
5. Game balls will be provided by the Roy Recreation Department. *The team batting is responsible for retrieving all balls going out of play, including home run balls. The next inning will not start until the umpire has all the balls back. Game time will continue to run.*
6. Bat rule: We will follow the USSSA ruling on approved bats.

#### IV. **Tournament play**

1. Whether single or double elimination, championship games will be the regular time limit (no new inning after 50 minutes). Leagues with a double elimination tournament, if an "If" game is required, the if game will not start a new inning after 50 minutes as well.

#### **Co-ed Rules Only**

1. A standard line-up for our COED league is 5 males and 5 females
2. In order to prevent a forfeit a team may have 6 men and 4 women, only 5 men will be able to bat and the team must take an automatic out (because men cannot bat back-to-back). All 6 men may play in the field though. (if a team has less than 4 females their team will forfeit)
3. Team line-ups must go male to female or reverse. No male's can bat back to back. You need to have at least 4 female players to not forfeit. If you have more males than females then you will need to sub the extra males into the lineup for another. Any starting player who is subbed out may only return to their original spot in the batting line-up
4. Teams are allowed to have more females than males, and females can bat back-to-back
5. There is no set position for where a male or female has to play.
6. Any player on the field can make a play for example a female or male can go make a play for someone else like at the catcher's position.
7. If a guy walks and if the girl decides to not bat, the guy will take second and the girl will take first. Now, if the girl decides to hit; the guy can only take first base.

#### **New Added Rules**

1. There will be a mat covering home plate and extends 27 inches towards the backstop. If the pitch hits the mat, it will be a strike. The arc of the ball must be from ground up three feet to ten feet.
2. There will be a double first base, if there is a play at first, the runner must run to the orange base and the first baseman must be on the white base.
3. Outfielders must stand behind the painted 200 foot line until the ball is hit (coed only).

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT** Including "Casual Profanity"- Any unsportsmanlike actions including, but not limited to, inappropriate language and gestures, throwing equipment, intimidation, unnecessary roughness, "trash talking," taunting, or any kind of negative actions directed towards an opponent, spectator, or game official will not be tolerated. It is the umpire's discretion if the player and /or players will be ejected from the game.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Any player, coach, or spectator who fails to act in a sportsmanlike manner before, during, or after a game will be ejected from the premises and may be suspended from further participation by the recreation supervisor. If any player is ejected from game one of the night, they are ineligible to play in any remaining games that evening. If ejected, a player may return the following week. During tournament games, if a player is ejected from any game of the night, they are ineligible to play in remaining games that evening. They too may return the following week.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE:** All participants in Roy City Recreation Department programs should have their own medical insurance to cover any injuries sustained while participating in any activity sponsored by the department. Roy City will not be financially responsible for any medical expenses.

**The Recreation Department reserves the right to make rulings not specifically covered herein which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Adult Softball Program. All decisions rendered by the recreation supervisor become final.**