

CO-REC RULES

- A. Men will hit 14" softballs and women will hit 12" softballs.
- B. Teams may bat 9, 10, 11 or 12 players.
- C. Batting order shall alternate sexes except if last and first batters are the same sex. If a player shows up late to play, said player may legally substitute or be placed at the bottom of the batting order provided that there will be no more than two (2) male batters batting in succession (1st and last batting rule) No exception even if playing under the shorthanded rule.
- D. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players to begin and end games. In the event only 4 females are available, teams may play shorthanded but an automatic out will be declared when they are due to bat. Once the appropriate 10th batter/player shows up/ he or she must immediately be allowed in the game.
- E. **PITCHING** Utilizing 16" pitching rules, (USA Softball Rule 6-D) including the use of pickoffs /hesitations. With 6-10 foot Arc Limit. Strike Mat will be in use. Legally pitched balls striking the mat or home plate are called strikes. Pitching Distance 50'
- F. Base runners may lead off with liability to be put out or picked off. **NO Stealing. No Outfielders may come in to the infield as part of a pickoff play.**
- G. An arc 175" from home plate will be marked foul line to foul line. Three (3) defensive players must stay behind this line for all batters until ball has been hit fair or foul. Violation will be the result of play or automatic single.
- H. Teams may only employ six (6) infielders (including pitcher/catcher). For fielding purposes using the shorthand rule. The infield must be properly filled in for each position, accordingly, before the outfield can be field in. Penalty will be the result of play or automatic single.
- I. On a walk to a male batter (intentional or not) the batter will be awarded 2nd base and the next batter, a female has her choice of walking or hitting, until the time she steps into the batter's box. Exception: In the event two (2) male participants bat consecutively and a male walks, said player will only be awarded 1st base.
- J. Metal cleats are not allowed to be worn by any player, male or female.
- K. Courtesy runners 2 per inning may be used, but only 1 each of male and female courtesy runner.
- L. Second Home Plate/ Commitment line – utilizing Senior Slow Pitch running rules (Rule 8, Section 9-D) Runner must use the second home plate. Runners using the original home plate are subject to being called out and subject to ejection for interference.