10v10 Coed Softball Leagues
Colorado Springs Sport and Social

Game Rules

All batters will start with a one ball, one strike count.

A batter with two strikes is allowed one foul ball. On the second foul with two strikes, the batter is out. In other words, you are allowed one courtesy foul ball with two strikes.

All games are seven innings or one hour (warm up time included). If teams are tied after 7 innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows.

A “strike mat” will be used to determine balls and strikes. If the softball touches any part of the mat on a legal pitch (6’-12’ arc), it will be considered a strike. Pitches touching any part of the plate WILL BE considered a strike. PLEASE NOTE: The strike mat is only used for calling balls and strikes. **The strike mat is not home plate**. Therefore, when a runner is trying to score, he or she must touch home plate in order to score. If he/she touches the strike mat and not home plate, and then is tagged, the runner will be tagged out.

For all innings except for the last inning there will be a 7 run limit. The last inning will have no run limit.

No leadoffs or stealing allowed. Runners may leave the base once the ball crosses the plane of the plate or is hit by the batter. If a runner leaves early, the ball is dead and the runner is declared out. If this is the 3rd out of the inning the batter will be first up in the next inning.

Base runner to defensive player contact will be closely watched by the ump. Any excessive contact or collision will result in an “out” and/or ejection. This includes contact with the catcher. Sliding is allowed. Any sliding into a base to break up a double play, or any intentional (in the eyes of the monitor) interference with the defensive player will result in the runner and the batter being called out.

A foul ball above the batter’s head may be caught for an out.

All thrown balls are deemed out of play when:

- • The ball is thrown over the fence
- • The ball is thrown beyond the fence
- • If the ball is overthrown and hits the fence behind the 1st or 3rd base lines but does not travel out of play, this is NOT considered out of play and the runner may advance, BUT at his/her own risk.
- • On overthrows out of play, the runner is granted the base he/she is going to (at the point of the throw) plus one more base. They will be awarded two bases from the last legally established

base. Note: in cases where a base runner runs past first base, he/she must make a clearly aggressive turn towards second base to be granted 2nd and 3rd in overthrow situations.

On an infield fly (any fly ball within the infield with significant arc and deemed an “easy catch”) with less than 2 outs and runners on 1st and 2nd or 1st, 2nd and 3rd, the batter is automatically out and runners can advance, BUT at their own risk.

There cannot be more than 7 players on the infield at any one time. Once contact has been made the outfielders may cross the line.

Pitching Mound: To increase the safety of the CSSS 12 inch softball leagues the pitching mound will be the distance of 45’ feet from home plate. This distance will be determined by the umpire before each game. Pitchers are allowed only one step in any direction off of the mound.

Game Mercy Rule: If the away team (first at bat) is winning by 20 runs in the final inning, the mercy rule will be implemented and the game will be over.

Player Requirements

10 players in the field at all times, with at least 4 females. (THERE ARE NO POSITION REQUIREMENTS of any players, i.e. there need not be 2 females in outfield and 2 in the infield) You are never allowed more than 6 men in the field at one time. CSSS rules will allow a team to play with a minimum of 8 players (at least 2 females). If only 2 women are present at game time, each woman must bat twice in the first 10 batters. If a team has less than the minimum required number of players it is up to the opponent and/or umpire as to what is allowable.

Teams may bat more than ten players; however, these teams must bat the same ratio (3 to 2) of men and women as fielding men and women. In situations where additional players wish to bat, the line up must come as close to a 3 to 2 ratio as possible, even if some women need to bat twice in the batting order. ***Men CANNOT bat twice in the lineup to achieve a 3-2 ratio if a team plays with more women than men. Lineups must be given to the umps prior to gametime.

There are no guy-girl batting order rules other than the 3 to 2 ratios. (i.e. You may bat 6 men followed by 4 women or vice-versa) The batting rules are governed by the number of males in the line-up. examples are as followed:

- 6 men 4 women
- 7 men 4 women
- 8 men 5 women (1 out of 4 batting twice if needed)
- 9 men 6 women (2 out of 4 batting twice if needed)
- 10 men 6 women (2 out of 4 batting twice if needed)
- 11 men 7 women (3 out of 4 batting twice if needed)
- 12 men 8 women (4 out of 4 batting twice if needed)
- Etc.

*6 men 2 women (both batting twice) *If playing with the minimum # of people

All players in the field must be listed in the batting order. There are no designated hitters nor fielders allowed. Any attempt at doing so must be brought to the attention of the umpire prior to game time and can only be deemed allowable by the opposing captain.

Umpires

An umpire will be provided by Colorado Springs Sport & Social to supervise the game. It will be the umpire's responsibility to coordinate and run the games, which include the following tasks:

- • Starting games on time.
- • Calling outs, making final calls on any disputed balls or strikes.
- • Settling all disputes or disputed calls.

It is understood that umps will assist in the tracking of the score (i.e. announcing it between innings) and assist in any discrepancies with regards to the coed line-up ratios. However, it is the responsibility of both teams to maintain their respective line-ups and scores each inning.

Umpires have final say on all calls made.

Equipment

BALLS: Only league provided softballs may be used for game play.
GLOVES: Players may use any type of softball/baseball glove.
ATTIRE: Shirts and closed toed shoes/cleats must be worn at all times while playing. No metal spikes are allowed. Wearing metal cleats is an ejectable offense.
BATS: CSSS will provide 2 bats available for players to use. If you wish to bring your own bats, they must comply with the following bat policy.

BAT POLICY:

Due to safety concerns, we have implemented a bat policy. All bats MUST contain the ASA/USA Certification stamp. Bats that do not contain this stamp are ineligible for use in our league. Bats presented at the end of this document are NOT permitted to be used.

Forfeits

If you know in advance that your team is going to forfeit a game, we encourage you to let us know, so as to help us schedule your opponent a game. Please notify jessica@cssportsocial.com or brian@cssportsocial.com

Teams have until ten minutes past the designated start time to field a full team (minimum numbers of players required to play according to the rules). Refer to rules regarding guy/girl batting ratio. Anything less than the minimum must be approved by the game official and opposing team.

Player Conduct

Players should show respect for opponents, teammates, officials, and spectators, avoiding any form of harassment or negativity.
Fighting between players, any verbal abuse, intimidation, or physical contact towards referees will not be tolerated. More information can be found in the Participant's Code of Conduct. Not following the Code of Conduct could result in penalties including but not limited to warning(s) by the official, ejection, suspension from games without refund, and/or removal from the league without refund.

USA Softball Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks

1/29/2024

Bass Quake	Combat VIRSP3 Lady Virus	Data Driven Athletics 314159 PI
Easton SCN1	Easton SCN11BH	Easton SCN1B
Easton SCN2B	Easton SCN3	Easton SCN4B
Easton SCN5	Easton SCN5B	Easton SCN6B
Easton SCN7	Easton SCN7B	Easton SCN8
Easton SCN8B	Easton SCN9	Easton SCX14
Easton SCX14B	Easton SCX2 Synergy	Easton SCX22 Synergy 2
Easton SCX24B	Easton SCX3	Louisville Slugger FP136
Louisville Slugger FP1368	Louisville Slugger FP1369	Louisville Slugger FPC305 Catalyst (-8)
Louisville Slugger SB304	Louisville Slugger SB34 Genesis	Louisville Slugger SB404
Louisville Slugger SB73V TPS Voltage	Miken MSF Freak	Miken MSU Ultra
Miken MSU2 Ultra II	Miken MSUM Ultra Maxload	Nokona Tomahawk
Onyx Battle Ground - ESBCA242	Onyx First Born - ES2P21	Pure SkyBolt - MFE6

New

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Schutt Red/Silver Schutt Bat



Suncoast SBFPB-10



Worth EST9



Worth QESTFP



Worth SBWK(Wicked)



Worth SBWKA



Worth WWSC Wicked Comp. (SP Only)



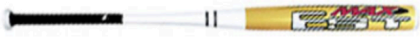
Worth WWSCA



Worth XEST9X



Worth XGold



Worth XPST4



Worth XRed



Worth XWICKX Wicked (SP Only)



For a complete list of approved bats go to the certified equipment section of www.usasoftball.com
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