



BCRL COED SOFTBALL RULES 2025

(final version as of 7.25.25)

- **GAME Balls:** Size:12", 40 Cor, 325 lb compression, yellow cover, 88 blue stitch, high-density cork core.
 - ☐ Super Gold Dot extreme (league balls) USSSA Approved
 - ☐ **GAME BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE REC LEAGUE AND NEW BALLS ROTATED IN EVERY OTHER GAME.**
- **BATS:** ALL BATS MUST BE USAA CERTIFIED SLOW PITCH.
- **GAME TIME RULES:** 55 minutes /with **NO NEW INNINGS AFTER 50 MINUTES**> If the last inning runs past 55 the home team gets last bat. (Home team decided at flip) NO additional innings will be played.
- **GRACE PERIOD:** **There will be a 5-minute grace period from the scheduled start time. If a team is short of players after the additional 5 minutes the game will start under the rules outlined in "Line Ups". (see below). The umpires will start the 5-minute grace period once they are prepared to start the game. The umpires will ask the books to document the 5-minute grace period start time and let each captain know the 5 minutes has begun. No games will be forfeited without the Directors approval to ensure fair and consistent treatment for all teams. The home plate umpire will be tasked with ensuring the Director is aware of the game situation and will make the ruling of a "forfeit" after confirmation with the Director. All games deemed a forfeit using these guidelines will be considered final.**
- **USSAA/ASA MODIFIED RULES:**
 - ☐ PITCHING RUNNER AT 46'
 - ☐ PITCHER MAY BE 2' BEHIND THE MOUND (DO NOT HAVE TO TOUCH)
 - ☐ IF IN FRONT OF THE MOUND, ONE FOOT MUST BE TOUCHING THE RUBBER
 - ☐ PITCHING SIZE (ARC) 6'-12'
 - ☐ STRIKE ZONE IS WHERE THE BALL LANDS. NOT CROSSES.
 - ☐ **STRIKE ZONE DIMENSIONS AT THE PLATE: 17" x 36 "**
- **5 HOMERUNS PER GAME/** PER TEAM...AFTER ITS AN OUT
- **RUN RULES:** 10 RUNS PER INNING> 20 AFTER 3 INNINGS>
- **SUBS:** (new update 7.25.25) Free substitutes on the field if they are in your batting lineup. Batting substitutes are eligible for free substitutions on the field. If you are substituting batter, it must be reported to the bookkeeper and home plate umpire prior to batting or the batter is out.
- **DESIGNATED RUNNER:** The last out can be a DR, if needed.
- **OUT FIELD LINE FOR FEMALE BATTERS:** The outfield must remain behind the outfield line until the ball is hit. Outfield can play anywhere with male batters. (200 FT). **Penalty**> if the umpire witnesses a violation the offense will advance a base.
- **Rover:** Plays in the outfield.
- **COED PLAYER POSITIONS:** 1st and 2nd AND 3rd and shortstop must be the same gender. The pitcher and catcher must be of the opposite gender.

- **WALKS:** Start the count at 1 ball and 1 strike. Regular Walks at 4 and advance one base for both male and female.
- **HOMERUNS:** (new update 7.25.25) If a batter hits a homerun, they do not have to run the bases or touch first base but may run all the bases if they want to. The home plate umpire must call it a homerun.
- **LINE UPS:** 10 PLAYERS (min) must be on the roster at the start of the game. At least 5 females must be always on the field. During the tournament teams cannot borrow players. If you are short females, you can play 8 but if you play 9 you take the out for the missing female in the order.
- **ROSTERS:** Regular Season rosters must be turned in at the captain's meeting 7.7.2.5. The Final rosters have been submitted 7.19.25 NO NEW PLAYERS CAN BE ADDED.
- **LIABILITY WAIVER:** ALL PLAYERS MUST PRINT AND SIGN NAME ON THE TEAMS WAIVER SHEET.
- **TOURNAMENT TIMELINE:** We ask that all teams be on the fields early enough to warm up and then take the field at the start of their scheduled game time. When your game is over, please exit the dugouts as soon as possible to allow the next team time to get set. The umpires will start the game on time throughout the tournament to ensure we are maintaining our schedule. The Coin flip will occur 5 minutes prior to game time and the games will start as scheduled. If you are short players at game time you will forfeit that game. You can play the game, but the short team gets the loss no matter the outcome.
- **HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS:** Each team may have 1-MALE & 1- FEMALE High School Player on their roster maximum.
- **OUT OF TOWN PLAYERS:** (PLAYERS NOT LIVING IN BENT COUNTY). The LIMIT FOR OUT OF TOWN PLAYERS IS 3 PER TEAM. (not gender specific)
- **ROTATING PLAYERS IN BATTING ORDER:** Teams must always rotate males & females in batting order.
- **STEALING BASES:** NO STEALING WILL BE ALLOWED
- **PLAYER CONDUCT:**
 - *Verbal or physical aggression toward an umpire will result in a verbal warning for 1st offense> 2nd offense= 2 game suspension (additional offenses league suspension) (Umpires or Director may issue a verbal warning and the Director will impose the suspension).*
- **THESE RULES ARE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY CAPTAINS. CAPTAINS ARE ASKED TO HELP THE LEAGUE EDUCATE THE PLAYERS AND ENFORCE THESE RULES TO ENSURE ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS HAVE A GOOD EXPERIENCE.**