

**PALATINE PARK DISTRICT
14" CO-REC SOFTBALL
LEAGUE RULES**

Unless stated below, 14" ASA Slow Pitch Rules will govern play.

PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

1. A team shall consist of 10-20 players. Eight rostered players must be on the field to start the game. No more than 20 players shall be on any one team.
2. A team cannot field more men than women.
3. Unlimited substitutions are allowed. No batter may bat in more than one batting position.
4. Roster changes will be allowed up until the start of the third game.
5. All rostered players must be at least 18 years old.

PITCHING

1. No drag step. A pitch must be thrown with one foot on the mound.
2. Minimum arc - six feet. Maximum arc - 12 feet when pitching.
3. If a male is walked he may opt to take his base or take a 1-1 count and bat again. If walked a second time they will take second base and the female batting next will have the option to bat or take first.

THE GAME

1. All games will begin at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. For the first scheduled games, a team will forfeit if they do not have the required eight players by 2:05 P.M. For the second games, game time is forfeit time.
2. Home team is listed first on the game schedule. Home team also keeps game ball.
3. No new inning may start at the next scheduled game time.
4. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings, weather permitting. In case of rain a game shall be considered complete after four and one/half innings.
5. The field of play will be - Bases 60' and Pitcher's Mound 38'.
6. No metal spikes allowed.
7. Regulation softball bats must be used.

8. Women may use gloves.
9. The batting order must alternate men and women.
10. Defense positioning, ten players: (five male and five female) with the following positioning requirements: two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield, and one male and one female as pitcher or catcher.
11. A batter will be called out when fouling a third strike-dead ball.
12. No lead-off's allowed. Runner may leave base when pitch crosses home plate.
13. All courtesy runners will be allowed. The last out of the same gender will be the courtesy runner.
14. A player must attempt to avoid contact with a person covering the base with the ball.
15. If one team is ahead by 15 or more runs at the end of five innings or ten or more runs at the end of six innings the game is complete.
16. BLOOD RULE - Any player who is bleeding must be removed from the game until the bleeding has stopped and all bloodied clothing has been changed. If a runner begins to bleed, a mandatory courtesy runner will be utilized until the bleeding can be stopped, the wound can be dressed, and any bloodied clothing is changed. The courtesy runner shall be the person making the last out. If a fielder begins to bleed, a courtesy fielder will be used until the bleeding has stopped, the wound has been dressed, and any bloodied clothing has been changed. The courtesy fielder can be any player that is not in the batting order at that time. As soon as the fielder is ready, he may enter the game.

ADDITIONAL RULES

1. Swearing and other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
2. If a player is ejected from a game, he or she will also be suspended from the next **two** actual games.
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parks.
4. If threatening weather conditions exist, including lightning and thunder, the game will not be restarted until 30 minutes after the last lightning / thunder is noted.

PROTEST

1. No protests will be allowed (Exception-use of illegal player).