



COED SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALCOHOL POLICY: ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT ALL FIELDS AND PARKING LOTS AS WELL AS THOSE AREAS ADJACENT TO FIELDS AND PARKING LOTS. THE FIRST TIME A PLAYER IS CAUGHT DRINKING YOUR TEAM WILL FORFEIT ONE GAME, THE SECOND TIME, YOUR TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE SEASON.

ARTICLE 1. LEAGUE DIRECTION

A. The City of Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to establish regulations at any time deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the League. All rules and regulations shall be interpreted by the BPRD as it deems proper for the efficient operation of its program. Flagrant violation of any league regulations, Code of Conduct or interpretation of such will result in individual and or team suspension, which forfeits all rights, privileges, registration and League fees, etc. Any player caught with ALCOHOL in the complex (including the parking lot) or in the dugout will forfeit the game and receive a game suspension along with the manager; 2nd offence your team will forfeit the season. If a spectator is there for your team and has ALCOHOL it is the manager's responsibility to put a stop to it or your team will forfeit the game.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

A. Manager means an individual designated by each team to represent that team at all League meetings and games and in all other matters relating to the League. Each manager is charged with the responsibility for keeping his/her team players informed of all matters relating to this league.

ARTICLE 3. TEAM ROSTERS

A. Team rosters may list a maximum of 18 players including playing managers and coaches.

B. Rosters must be signed by the manager/coach and all players listed must be on file with the BPRD prior to the **2nd** League game. If there have been nonresident players added the manager must come in or call the Parks & Recreation office to pay the balance. . It is the Managers responsibility to make sure that all players sign the roster. Allowing unsigned players to participate in a game will result in a forfeit of the game, this includes PLAYOFFS.

C. Teams losing players during the season because of injury may add players on a one for one basis. Injury replacement players must fill out a roster addition form and turn it in to the BPRD prior to player's first game.

D. New players may be added to the roster by filling out a roster addition form.

E. No additions will be allowed after the first pitch of the 2nd game, unless the player being added is replacing an injured player and a doctor's statement of the injured player must be submitted to the BPRD.

F. Each player must show picture identification for playoffs

ARTICLE 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A. *All players must be at least 18 years of age.*

B. A player may play for only one team within this League.

ARTICLE 5. INJURIES AND INSURANCE

A. Injuries to players or spectators are not the liability of the City of Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department. It shall be understood by all participants that the BPRD and all others associated with this League shall not assume responsibility for accidents during play or in coming to or returning home from games. The BPRD urges all teams and/or individuals to provide insurance coverage for themselves and their respective teams.

ARTICLE 6. EQUIPMENT

A. One new official 12" softball will be provided for each regularly scheduled game and one (1) back up ball.

B. Each team must supply its own catcher's equipment and bats. Only official softball bats will be allowed. In rec league singlewall aluminum bats for MEN ONLY. **Women will be permitted to use composite bats, but they must be USSSA approved.** If a man swings one of the composite bats during game play, he will be ejected from the game.

C. If a mat is used at home plate for strike purposes. A catcher may touch any part of the mat or home plate for the out.

ARTICLE 7. OFFICIALS

A. The BPRD shall provide at each regularly scheduled game the best available game officials. In emergency situations where no game official has arrived by game time the best available substitute umpire will be used if agreeable to both team managers prior to the start of the game. The umpire MAY NOT play in the game.

ARTICLE 8. PROTESTS

A. There will be no protests. All questions will be solved at the time of the incident by the Program Supervisor or the umpire.

ARTICLE 9. PLAYING FIELD

A. The pitching distance shall be 50 feet. The distance between bases is 65 feet.

ARTICLE 10. FIELD RULES

A. Official umpires are provided by the BPRD and shall have full authority over players and managers at all times. Umpires shall have the authority to order any player, manager or coach out of the game or off the field for unsportsmanlike conduct.

B. At least (4) men and (4) women must start a game. **No more than (5) men may play on the field at any time.** Ten defensive players may take the field. The tenth player must remain in the outfield. When playing (10) fielders, there must be (2) men and (2) women in both the infield and the outfield. Outfield will alternate male female. When playing (8) or (9) players, there must be (2) males and (2) females in the infield. You may bat up

- to 2 women at the end of the batting order. There can never be more men than women in the lineup. When playing (8) players, the opposing team is to furnish a courtesy catcher. It is the courtesy catcher's responsibility to return the ball to the pitcher. The courtesy catcher does not make plays at the plate.
- D. The pitcher and catcher may not be of the same sex.
- E. Batters will start with a one and one count.
- F. An inning shall consist of three outs or once through the line-up. One time through the line-up does not apply in the last inning for either team.
- G. The **Maximum Number Batting** in any given inning will be determined by the team having the greatest number of equal opposite sex players playing at the beginning of the game, not to exceed 18. Example: Team A has 12 players and Team B has 10, the batting order for that game is 12 for both teams. The batting order must consist of alternating sexes. If a team has one extra player of the same sex, they may substitute the player in the lineup for a member of the same sex. Once a player has been substituted, they may not re-enter the game.
- H. No bunting; must take a full swing.
- I. A runner cannot leave base until a ball is hit or the ball crosses the plate area. Runner stepping off base before the ball is hit will be declared out.
- J. There will be an extended line from the home plate. Runners DO NOT step on home plate, but must cross the line behind it. Runners will be warned once and called out on second warning.
- K. **Obstruction** – *the act of a fielder while not in possession of the ball, or not in the act of fielding a Batted Ball, or taking a proper position to receive a Thrown Ball (Thrown Ball must already be in flight) which impedes the progress of a Runner who is legally running the Bases. The Obstructed Runner shall be awarded at least one base beyond the base he has legally touched before the obstruction. The Umpire may also award the Runner all other advanced bases, he believes the Runner would have made, had no obstruction occurred.* **Both fielders and batters must make every reasonable attempt to avoid collision. At the Umpires discretion, the player instigating a collision may be called out, and /or ejected from the game.**
- L. In rec league all outfielders must stay at least 165 feet from home plate until the ball is hit (Outfield cones or a painted line will be provided to mark the 165 foot mark). Infraction will result in the batter being awarded first base.
- M. No metal cleats allowed.
- N. **Courtesy Runner** limit of (1) per player per inning. The runner shall be the last out of the same sex.
- O. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat. NOTE: If the next female chooses to walk, it is not considered an intentional walk for the purpose of making an appeal. No inning shall end with walking the last batter, if it is a male batter the female batter may take 1st base if she chooses and the next male is to hit. The only exception is the last batter has left the game and it is already considered an out in the lineup; then the pitcher may walk the preceding batter to get to the last out.
- P. Team members are reminded to remain behind the restraining line to ensure safety and interference with play. Non-uniformed sponsor may sit in dugout and shall be governed by the league rules. **NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.**
- Q. Games will be 7 innings or time limit as stated in ARTICLE 11. At least four (4) innings must be played to constitute an official game where unforeseen events prevent continuation.

- R. If the game boards are not working, the scorekeepers watch shall be considered official time.
- S. Loose bats, balls, gloves, equipment and apparel of all kinds must be kept out of the playing area during games.
- T. No smoking or chewing tobacco on the field of play or in the dugout area.
- U. A 15-Run rule will be effect after 5 innings. This does not apply in the final inning.
- V. Infielders may not start in the grass portion of the field. Before the hit, their feet must be in the dirt of the infield.
- W. In RECREATION LEAGUES: A runner going to 1st may NOT be thrown out from the outfield. The outfielder MUST hit a cutoff prior to making the play.
- X. Sliding: Sliding is allowed in the competitive leagues only, not in Recreation play.
- Y. Poaching: Players may not intercept a batted ball which is playable by another position player. A single will be awarded to the batter in the instance a poaching play is determined by the umpire.
- Z. Rule at Home Plat: All plays at home plate are ruled exactly like plays at first base. Under normal conditions it is a force play once the runner has past the "commit" line. The fielder cannot tag the runner but instead must touch home plate while in possession of the ball. The catcher must make the play at home. If there is an overthrow at home and the catcher has to leave their position go get the ball, anyone can cover home.
- AA. Homerun Rule (per game): One for One equalizer rule throughout the entire game.
- BB. Only the Manager and Umpire may speak to the scorekeeper during game play.
- CC. Each team must provide a line-up card for the scorekeeper that they are able to keep.

ARTICLE 11. TIME REGULATIONS

- A. Time Limit to all games: 60 minutes. No new inning to start after time limit. An inning already in progress at the end of 60 minutes shall be completed.
- B. At least 5 minutes prior to each game each manager must submit to the umpire a written line-up. First and last names, please!
- C. Games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time shall remain a tie.
- D. There will be a 15 minute grace period during the first game of the night, the team may begin playing with 7 players, at the end of the 15 minutes if not enough players are present, the team will forfeit the game.

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