

# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

## CO-ED SOFTBALL RULES

**All ASA or DPR League Rules will be followed with the following exceptions:**

1. Teams should use ten (10) players, but may play with as few as (8) or (9) players. Teams may play with as many female players as they choose, but at NO TIME can male players outnumber female players. (Exception: When a team has (9) players, it may play with 5 males and 4 females. This is the only exception). If at any time a team is reduced to playing with 2 more males than females, the opposing manager will have the option of taking a forfeit, or continuing the game. Teams reduced to less than (8) players due to injury, or ejection will forfeit immediately.
2. Field position requirements are as follows: No more than (2) males on the infield, and no more than (2) males in the outfield. 5 infielders may be used. (Note: There are no requirements as to which infield, or outfield positions males must occupy). Pitcher and Catcher positions cannot be occupied by males at the same time.
3. The batting order must be drawn up alternating male and female players, including when a team has more female players than men. (Exception: When beginning a game with nine (9) players, two (2) players of like sex may follow each other; however, they must be the first and ninth batters in the batting order. A team reduced to nine (9) players may have two (2) players of like sex batting consecutively anywhere in the batting order. Also a team may end up with consecutive men or women in the line-up if these players were added after the game had started.
4. Males must bat opposite handed from their Anormal@ batting style. In the case where a team is suspect of the Anormal batting style of an opposing male batter, an appeal may be made at any time, and the batter in question must then turn around and bat from the other side for the remainder of the game.
5. When a male batter receives a walk, he will be awarded first and second base, regardless of whether a male or female batter follows in the batting order. If there are 2 outs, the next female batter will have the option to walk, or bat. She loses this option once she steps into the batters box. She must bat if there is less than 2 outs.
6. Any team utilizing the “Everybody Bats Rule” may always bat more females than males. If more males are present, the extra males may only enter as a substitute for another male. If a team is batting equal numbers of males and females and a female is injured or ejected, the male corresponding to her place in the batting order must also leave the game. If the corresponding male is on base, he will be removed when he is “put out” or has scored. Neither player may re-enter the game.
7. The “Courtesy Runner” allowed to run for an injured runner when utilizing the “Everybody Bats Rule” must be the last person to make an out and be the same sex as the injured runner. A female can always run for an injured male runner if desired
8. Co-Ed teams cannot utilize the Extra Player (EP) rule.
9. A team can only score seven (7) runs per inning during the first four (4) innings.
10. Most leagues will use one 12" softball, but some will use both the 11" & 12" softballs during league play.

