

City of Kodiak Parks & Recreation

Coed Slow-pitch softball By-laws

General:

1. City league coed slow-pitch softball will play in accordance with ASA rules and regulations.
2. All team rosters must be finalized by 6pm on game days. Roster additions/changes will be submitted to the Teen Center.
 - a. In order for a player to play in the tournament, they must be on the roster and **MUST HAVE PLAYED** at least one regular season game with the team. Players can be added on the roster throughout the regular season must call or e-mail the Teen Center prior or by 4 pm of game days for players to be eligible to play (*Softball season 2019 Approved during Tournament Meeting on 8/9/2018*)
3. Team must have a minimum of 4 women on the field for games.
4. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players (minimum of 3 women) on the field. With a maximum of 10 players (minimum of 4 women) on the field. With only 3 women teams must play with 9 in the field. The catcher position is required during all games – *League Meeting 6/2/2022*.
5. Teams will forfeit 10 minutes after designated game time if unable to field the minimum.
6. Team Captains are responsible for lineups, rosters and challenging calls.
7. Teams will be allotted a maximum of a 10 minute warm-up. *Approved at league meeting on 5/31/2018*
8. Time Limit 1 hour and 15 minutes or seven innings whichever comes first; if the home team is down, teams must finish the bottom of the inning.
9. Home team listed will set up field prior to game time and will put the equipment away after the game.
10. Home team is listed first on the schedule

Game play:

1. All substitute players must have the approval of plate umpire and opposing team captain, a maximum of 2 substitutes will be allowed
2. NO WAIVER, NO PLAY!
3. Slow-pitch softball bats are required in the league. Men will be required to use **wood** slow-pitch softball bats. Full composite bats are not permitted; a minimum of a wooden barrel is required
4. Force out at home plate, runners must use secondary home plate or it is an automatic out.
5. Teams must alternate batting order by opposite sex, no more than 2 male batters in a row.
6. Pitches must have an arc of no less than 6 feet and no more than 12 feet; pitchers can pitch behind the rubber just no closer than one foot on. *Approved at league meeting on 5/31/2018*
7. 1 foul ball limit after 2nd strike; batter would be out on the 2nd foul ball –*approved at league on Meeting 5/31/2018*
8. Teams must obey the posted field turf rules (No seeds, gum, alcohol on the field)
9. 15 Run rule: Meaning games will be stopped if at any time after the top of the 5th inning and a team is up 15 runs. If the Home team is down 15 runs they will be allowed to hit.

10. Inning run rule: there will be a 10 run rule for all innings, except in the 7th inning
11. Games tied after the 7th inning will go extra innings until either team is up at the end of the inning. A runner will be placed on second base to begin the 8th inning, and in every subsequent extra inning after that, until a winner is determined -- *Approved during league meeting on 6/7/2023*
12. A roving player will not be permitted. Teams will use 4 infielders and 4 outfielders.
13. Outfielders must stay behind the brown turf until the ball is hit in play.
14. Courtesy runners are allowed but must be same sex substitution
15. If a male walks and there is a female up next to bat, the female has a choice to either hit or walk to first
- ~~16. No head-first sliding, dive backs are acceptable. Approved at league meeting on 5/31/2018--At player's discretion -- Original rule was removed during league meeting on 6/7/2023~~
17. Runner or fielder obstruction will result in an extra base or an out. *Approved at league meeting on 5/31/2018*

Tournament:

1. Championship game will be 7-innings no time limit
2. This will be a true double elimination tournament. IF the team from loser's bracket win in the championship game an additional 7-inning game will occur IMMEDIATELY after the first game *Approved at league meeting on 8/9/2018*
3. If a male batter steps into the batter's box with a wooden baseball bat, it will result in an automatic out for the inning *Approved via director on 8/7/2020*

Sportsmanship:

1. Sportsmanship is a must and the umpire has the authority to eject a player from the game.
2. 2 ejections during the season and the player will be disqualified from league play.