

Flagler County Parks & Recreation CO-ED Softball Rules

For cancellations on game day call 386-586-5130 after 3:30PM.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.flalgersports.com

Basic ASA playing rules will govern with the following exceptions:

- A. Batting order for CO-ED teams must always alternate between sexes. Two females may bat back to back, but never two males. If there is an uneven number in the continuous batting order then you must adjust the female batting order to comply.
- B. Lead off batter may be male or female. Field dimensions for CO-ED play will be the same as with all other ASA play except for a 200' line, which will be drawn from foul line to foul line. Any defensive player considered an outfielder by the umpire will not be allowed to step forward of this line when a female is batting until the female batter has actually hit the pitched ball. The penalty for violating this rule shall result in the female batter being awarded first base, all runners will remain at the base they occupied at the time of the pitch unless forced to advance by the female batter being awarded first base. This call can be made by any field umpire and shall be considered a judgment call. Therefore no protest or appeal will be allowed. *This will be a delayed dead ball call. If the batter runner reaches first base safely and all other runners advance one base, play will continue with base runners advancing with liability to be put out.
- C. Any male batter who receives a base on balls whether intentional or not will be awarded second base (all other runners will advance only if forced by this walk) and the female batters following him will have the option of taking a free base on balls or her time at bat. If she elects to take the free base on balls she must do so before the first legally pitched ball is thrown to her. No pitch will be thrown until the next female batter confirms to the umpire her choice of taking the free base on balls or a time at bat.
- D. Team roster- unlimited.
- E. Teams consisting of five (5) male and five (5) female players will be considered legal or six (6) male and six (6) female players whenever an extra player (EP) rule is used. There must be five (5) females on the field playing defense, three in the infield and two (2) in the outfield. To avoid a forfeit teams may; (a) play with a minimum of eight players comprising of no less than four (4) females playing defense. There must be two (2) females in the infield (excluding catcher) and two (2) in the outfield; or (b) use a player of the appropriate gender to fill the vacant spot. This player must be currently on a team roster registered in the Flagler County co-ed league. Teams may play with a minimum of four (4) females; however in this event the team must consist of four (4) females and a maximum of five (5) male players in the defensive

positions. [Clarification]: Additional male players may bat; however the batting order must adjust to comply with alternate male female batting order rule. The intent of this rule is to avoid team forfeitures; exploitation of this rule to gain playing advantage will result in a game forfeiture. In this event a male **must** play in the catching position.

- F. Courtesy runner must be the last person who was put out. Males must run for males and females must run for females.
- G. The Mercy Rule will be twenty (20) runs after three (3) innings, fifteen (15) after four (4) innings and 10 runs after five (5) innings
- H. You must turn eighteen years old by August 1, 2005 in order to be eligible to play in this league. Exception: A team is allowed to roster two (2) junior players. They must be 17 as of May 1st, 2007. A written parental consent form must be provided to League Officials.
- I. There is a three home run per game limit. Any ball batted over the fence after a team has reached its three home run limit will be considered an out and all runners will return to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch.
- J. **ONLY women may use a (ASA approved) metal bat.** Men **must** use a wood bat. Violation of this rule will result in an out with all runners returning to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch. The league will take disciplinary action if the violation is considered intentional.
- K. Infielders must remain on the dirt portion of the infield until the ball is hit. Violation of this rule will result in the batter being awarded first base. Runners will remain at the base they occupied at the time of the pitch unless forced to advance by the batter being awarded first base. *This will be a delayed dead ball call. If the batter runner reaches first base safely and all other runners advance one base, play will continue with base runners advancing with liability to be put out.
- L. Time outs will be called when the ball is in possession of any defensive player while on the dirt portion of the infield and there is no further play.
- M. Metal cleats are not allowed.
- N. The pitching rubber will be set at a distance of 50' from home plate.
- O. No stealing.
- P. All batters will begin with a one ball and one strike count. All batters will be declared out on the second foul ball after that batter has two strikes.