



City of Wichita  
DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION  
City League and Church League  
ADULT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL  
Rules and Regulations

1. All leagues will play under **USSSA** rules.
2. All ground rules should be discussed before each game.
3. Batter begins with a 1-1 count. Second foul ball after two strikes is an out. No one may advance in either case.
4. Game time is forfeit time. There will be a **55-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**. The umpire's watch will be the official timepiece.
5. No grace period will be allowed for starting games. The umpire will declare a forfeit, if a team cannot field the required number of legal players at the designated time. It is your responsibility to have the team on time.
6. A team will consist of 10 players on the playing field with the following exceptions:
  - A. Each team must have at least eight (8) players present to start.
  - B. **RULE CHANGE:** Co-ed Teams may start the game with eight (8) players, but must have equal numbers of men and women to start play (4 men, 4 women). You may play more women than men, but men may **ONLY** outnumber the women by one ( 1 ) Applies to less than 10 players. **Players may play any position while on defense.**
  - C. The void in the batting order created by the missing player(s) will constitute an out.
7. Team Rosters:
  - A. Must be submitted to the Athletic Office prior to the teams' first game. If a roster is not provided to the Park Office by the third game, all games previously won could be forfeited.
  - B. Open roster, no limit.
  - C. Men may not play in a women's league and women may not play in a men's league.
  - D. Rosters may be turned in to the supervisor at the game site.
  - E. A player may not play for more than one team in a league and may not transfer to another team in that league unless he/she receives a written release from their manager and this release must be turned into the Park Office before he/she can play for a new team. **A player will be allowed to play on a team that is not in his/her league with the approval of the opposing team Manager.**
  - F. No one under the age of 18 years of age may play in men's, women's, or co-ed leagues.

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8. Each team furnishes a scorekeeper. No grace time for exchanging lineups, please have this done in advance. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. Home team shall be designated in the right-hand column of the schedule. Home team will be responsible to furnish a scorebook for official scoring. If home team does not want to keep the scorebook, they forfeit the home team advantage.

9.

In case of rain before a game you may call the following phone number AFTER 4:00 pm.  
**City RAINOUT Hot Line – 219-9777**

The 12” Classic M and beginning April 1, 2010 The Classic Plus SOFTBALLS WILL BE USED FOR MEN’S LEAGUE PLAY. The umpire shall be able to read the stamping on the ball, or the team will be required to provide a substitute ball.

10. OFFICIAL BALL: *Each team will hit their own Classic M balls or beginning April 1 the Classic Plus. Men & Co-ed Men will use 12 balls; Women and Co-ed Women will use the 11”Classic W balls.*

**Check the Rule Book for more information.**

11. A ten (10) run lead after five (5) innings or a fifteen (15) run lead after three (3) innings will constitute a game. **The flip-flop rule will be used and ALSO at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, if the home team is behind they will continue to bat in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup>.** Three and a half (3-1/2) innings will constitute a game called due to weather (if the home team is ahead).

12. Team players and coaches are requested (but not required) to at least be in matching colored shirts. Soccer shoes or tennis shoes are acceptable. No metal cleats / No illegal or altered bats.

All new bats must be stamped with 1.20 BPF. Any player using an illegal bat will automatically be ejected from the ball game.

13. Once a player is taken out of a game for any reason other than regular substitution, he/she may not return (exception: blood rule). Games may end on an automatic out.

14. A substitute runner may be used for an injured player, ONE TIME. The substitute runner will be a player who made the last out and of the same gender. If the injured player is unable to continue, an out will be called for the void in the lineup.

**USSSA LEGAL LEAGUE BALLS**

**MEN MAY USE THE 12” CLASSIC “M” AFTER April 1, 2010 THE CLASSIC PLUS will be legal.**

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**ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR AROUND DUGOUT**

Consumption of alcoholic beverages by a team member during a game either in the dugout or outside the dugout could result in an automatic ejection by the umpire. Players will not be permitted to play while under the influence of intoxicants or drugs. After the second ejection, a player could be suspended from League play. City Ordinance prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages in City Parks. Suspension from league play without a refund could result in a teams continued abuse of the ordinance.

15. No children or animals are allowed in the dugout area and all animals must be on a leash. Smoking will not be permitted on the field or in the coach's box
16. All cars and motorcycles are to be kept off the grassed areas and should be parked in designated areas. Do not park in the handicapped designated areas.
17. Umpires will not take abuse from managers or players. Excessive use of profane language by a team or player could result in an automatic ejection, and/or forfeit of the game being played. *Any player ejected will leave the premises.* Any player or manager touching, bumping, or striking an official will be suspended from future league play and barred from the premises.
18. A team trophy will be awarded for first place in each league. If two teams tie for either first or second place, the team scoring the most total runs in the two games played by the two teams will be declared the winner. If only playing once, the team that wins that game will be winner. If more than two teams tie for league awards, a coin flip will determine the winner.
19. A minimum of \$250.00 service charge shall be levied against a team wanting a refund that withdraws from league play, no refund after the schedule has been prepared. If a team is contemplating withdrawing from league play and is able to find a replacement team, they can trade their spot for the entry fee directly from the incoming team.



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20. Prior to the game, the manager of a MENS or WOMENS team shall have the option of batting 10 to 12 players. COED may bat 10 or 12 (5 men and 5 women OR 6 men and 6 women) using regular substitution rules. COED managers must bat equal numbers of men and women. If there were an extra player, that player would be used as a regular sub. Or the manager may elect to bat everyone that shows up and wants to play and use free defensive substitution rules. Anyone showing up late would go to the bottom of the batting order. Any void in the batting order created by a player leaving the game for any reason would constitute an out and that player could not return during that game.

21. Protest Fee - \$50.00 CASH ONLY

Protest (**on rules interpretation only**) will be made by the manager. The protesting manager must inform the umpire and the opposing team manager of the intent to protest the game at the time the protested event occurs and prior to the next live ball. Protests on ineligible players must take place prior to those players becoming legal players or before the first pitch whichever comes first. Otherwise, the protest will not be honored.

A formal protest should contain the following information:

- A. The league, date, times, and place of the game.
- B. The name of the umpire and the scorekeeper.
- C. The rule and section of the Official Rules or League Rules under which the protest is being made.
- D. The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision.
- E. All essential facts involved in the matter protested.

The above information must be submitted immediately following the game along with the protest fee of \$50.00 (CASH ONLY) to the field supervisor.

A written protest must be submitted to the Recreation Office within 24 hours after the protested game. If the protest is lost, the fee goes to the Department of Park and Recreation.

22. All players, coaches and spectators are to stay off all fences located in or around City of Wichita softball fields and complexes (this includes jumping fences to retrieve foul balls and home runs). Failure to comply with this rule may result in an ejection from the park

**NOTE**

**EACH TEAM WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED 2 HOME RUNS.**  
**Each home run thereafter will constitute an out.**

Men automatically get second base when walked; Women have the option of walking or batting.

**HAVE A GOOD SEASON!!!**