



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

New Rules:

Beer is now available for purchase at each concession stand. Please see beer rules for details.

All leagues will be allowed three homeruns.

There will not be a run limit in any inning.

If there are 12 or more teams signed up for a particular night, the league will be split in to two separate leagues based on how the league office sees fit. If there are 11 or less teams, the league will be played as one league.

1. All leagues will play under USSSA rules.
 - Courtesy foul will still be in effect for league play
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. 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. **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. Any player ejected from a game must sit out the following game as well.
- 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.
 - o Exception: Women classified as B players or above are allowed to play in men's leagues.
- 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 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

10. OFFICIAL BALL: Each team will hit their own 12" Classic M or Classic Plus Ball , or Classic M ball. Women must hit the Classic W. All balls must be optic yellow.

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 6th inning, if the home team is behind they will continue to bat in the top of the 7th.** 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.

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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. T-shirts will be awarded for first place teams. If two teams tie for first place, the team tie will be determined by head to head results. Second tie breaker will be runs allowed against each other.
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 or 11 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.