

3-PITCH COED CITY LEAGUE SOFTBALL RULES 2025

GENERAL INFO: The City Parks and Recreation Department coordinates a public adult recreation softball program. The program is organized from input at the manager's meeting under direction of the City Recreation Dept. Fees cover costs associated with the program. The Parks Dept will provide extra maintenance on scheduled game days. **Consistent high quality conditions are not reasonable expectations, but a strong effort will be made to keep the fields in as good a shape as possible.**

RULES:

1. Flip coin to determine home team. (Double headers – change home team for 2nd game)
2. Game time + 10 min. is forfeit time. (If one team is late, on time team may take win or proceed with reg. game)
3. **Legal game:** Eight players constitutes a team.
4. **Defensive lineup:** There must be two girls in the outfield (rover counts if played in outfield)
5. **3-pitch:** Each batter receives up to 3 pitches per bat to put ball in play.
6. **Pitcher:** Each team provides a pitcher to pitch to their own team. Pitcher must be in lineup. Quick pitching is not allowed, defense must be set.
7. **Hitting the pitcher:** Dead ball out!!
8. **Rover (defensive Pitcher):** Rover may play anywhere in field as long as he does not obstruct the offensive pitcher.
9. **Metal Cleats:** are not recommended, if used head first sliding is required or player is out.
10. **Players:** Players may only play on one team. One inning on a team constitutes a game played.
11. **Rosters** – open until 3rd game, then submit final roster. After 3rd game changes to rosters with league approval.
12. **AGE LIMIT** – players must be sixteen years of age when playing.
13. **Substitution and courtesy runner** – one runner per male/female per inning, last out must be runner.
14. **FORFEITS:** Two unexcused forfeits and a team may be dropped.
15. **OFFICIALS:** Each team to provide one – usually 9th batter of each inning. Umpire must be in lineup.
16. **Bats:** ASA/USA approved bats (see attached sheet)
17. **Infield fly:** rule is only in effect with less than 2 outs and runners on 1st and 2nd, or runners on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
18. Sliding is permitted and required if contact is made with a defensive player during a play.
19. **Down or Out:** A player running to 2nd or 3rd in a force out must get down or out of the play or interference may be called resulting in both runners out.
20. **Per inning run rule:** Team may not score more than 10 runs per inning until the 5th inning. If 10 runs are reached in 1st -4th inning play ends for inning.
21. **Ten run rule:** If a team leads by 10 after the 5th inning game is over.
22. **Extra hitter rule when applied** – Teams may bat 11 with extra girl or 12, extra guy and girl, but can't just hit extra guy
23. **Hume Runs:** 5 home runs, then progressive. Home runs over the limit are dead ball singles, runners only advance if required.
24. **PROTESTS:** Should be resolved between managers – if unresolved, replay last play.
25. All other rules as per ASA guidelines.
26. **CHANGING SCHEDULE:** On in RARE instances. Must be agreed upon by both team managers & League Manager

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Alcohol (**NONE**): Prohibited by City Ordinance on public grounds.
 - First time whole team/individual warned
 - Second time individual risked suspended from league
2. Absolutely no vehicles on lawn areas.
3. Please pick up trash.
4. Do not warm up across pathways/walkways – pedestrian have right of way.
5. Prevent scoring problems by reporting the number of runs your team scored to opposition, **before** taking the field each inning.
6. **Weather:** Recreation Supervisor will determine if fields are playable, **please do not call in.** Managers will be contacted. Games in progress called due to inclement weather will be considered complete games if 4 innings have been played with one team leading. Games will be rescheduled only if game was played less than 4 innings.
7. **Ties:** Play extra innings to resolve ties, if there is insufficient light or time limit is a factor(6pm game), suspend the game. The remainder of the game can be played at later date or it can be broken with a coin flip.
8. **Official ball:** Evil Ball ASA
9. **Parking:** Use parking lots provided.
10. **AWARDS:** 1st for league
11. **Community relations:** Softball generates a lot of traffic in this neighborhood. Please help by driving slow and parking in the designated parking lots. Be aware of extra patrols for fast driving and alcohol consumption; teams are asked to help control over aggressive play and inappropriate behavior.

Recreation Supervisor: Jeff Hamilton, 276-8100

REPORTING SCORES:

Winning team emails in the evening following game play: email to jeff.hamilton@pendletonor.gov
Retain accurate scores in scorebooks for verification.



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