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Adult Coed and Men's Softball Rules:

Official ASA rules will govern league play unless stated otherwise below.

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Website Resources: <http://frprd.com/adult-sports/> And www.teamsideline.com/frprd
Schedules, rules, player add/delete forms, rosters, team payment plan and status of games

Behavior and Sportsmanship Guidelines

It is every player's responsibility to know the rules and abide by them. It is also every player's responsibility to respect and cooperate with the officials and facility attendant. It is the responsibility of the team manager to insure proper behavior on the part of his/her team's fans. All infractions will be governed by the Players Code of Conduct.

Player Code of Conduct

The objective of FRRPD Sports Leagues is to provide the opportunity for participants to benefit from a quality leisure time activity which encourages fitness, healthy competition, fun and fellowship in the form of organized sports. Friendly competition and good spirited rivalry are expected.

However, Players, Coaches, Managers, Umpires or Spectators will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, coaches, managers, officials, spectators, or FRRPD Staff- use expletives or negative comments that may be heard by those in the stands and surrounding area of the playing field, or commit other acts that should be considered unsportsmanlike. The game official will have discretion to warn teams and/or eject players. **The league directors may also issue suspensions for negative remarks or unsportsmanlike comments directed towards players, umpires spectators or FRRPD staff.**

Conversations with officials/umpires will be kept to a minimum. Team managers, and only team managers, may address the officials. Managers may only address matters of rule interpretation or essential game information and must do so in a courteous manner.

1) **No person shall:** Be guilty of Objectionable demonstrations of dissent at officials decision or discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official except the team manager.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official. **Maximum Penalty:** Removal from game. (see player eject rule)

2) **No person shall:** Refuse to abide by official's decision. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Directors. Such person shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Directors. **Minimum**

Penalty: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of season.

3) **No person shall:** Be guilty of an abusive attack (verbal or no verbal) upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Directors. **Minimum Penalty:** Placed on probation for the remainder of the



season. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for one calendar year and placed on probation for one season upon returning to the league action.

4) **No person shall:** Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the body or person of the opposing player. Officials are required to immediately suspend person from play and report such player to the League Directors. **Minimum Penalty:** Probation for the remainder of the season. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for one year.

5) **No person shall:** Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Directors. Player will remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Directors. **Minimum Penalty:** Suspension for two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for life and/or assault charges filed.

Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for violating the "Player Code of Conduct" will result in further disciplinary action.

Any player removed from a game and asked by the official to leave the park or school facility must do so immediately. Failure to do so will result in further disciplinary action.

Blood Rule

A player with a bloody injury or blood on his/her uniform must leave the game. The player may not return to the game until the wound is no longer bleeding, the wound is covered or the uniform is changed.

No Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco

No glass bottles allowed, due to them being a safety hazard. No smoking, chewing or drinking on or near the fields.

Ejected Player

An ejected player must leave the dugout and field of play within two (2) minutes following the ejection. Failure to do so will cause the player's team to forfeit the game. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for minimum of 1 game, and he/she must meet with League Directors to be reinstated. The ejected player **MUST** call 533-2011 to make an appointment. Should an ejected player attempt to play before meeting with the League Directors, his/her team will forfeit the game in which he/she played.

Rosters & League Fees

All teams must have a minimum of 10 players on their roster when submitted. A complete roster is due on or before game time of your first game. Please make sure all players sign and fill out the appropriate information (**including full first and last name that is on their state ID.**, address & phone number). Teams may also submit a roster to the FRRPD office before your first game.

Team and Player Eligibility



Only players who have signed the roster and/or the player addition form are eligible to play. Once we have reached the half-way point in the season new players cannot be added without prior approval.

Players must be 18 years of age or 15 years of age with parent permission. Players may only be on one roster in coed divisions. Further, a man **can** play in the Men's division and in one coed division. A man or woman **cannot** play on two coed teams regardless if they are in different divisions. Once a player is on a roster, they are only eligible to play for that team; they cannot switch to another team at any point in the season.

Playoffs:

Top 4 teams will make playoffs. All rostered players must play a **minimum of 4 games/3 games in winter** in order to be eligible to participate in playoffs. All playoff games will be 65 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first, with the 10 run rule in effect. In the event of a Tie: 1 inning only will be played with the international tie breaker rule. The last batter out will start at second base. **No pick-up players will be allowed for playoffs.** The Championship game will be 7 innings regardless of time, with the ten run rule in effect. Players must have a valid state ID prepared to show prior to game time (No ID no play)

Divisions

Coed divisions will be split up into competitive (comp) and recreational (rec). In the event that several teams register for either division, that division can be split up at the discretion of the Recreation Supervisor.

At the half way point in the season (or sooner if deemed necessary) divisions will be evaluated, if there is a team(s) who needs to move up or down that is up to the discretion of Recreation Supervisor.

Staff

Each game will have **one umpire** and there will be a facility attendant onsite monitoring all fields. In the event that no umpire is available the game(s) will be rescheduled, teams can use the field if they choose. Umpires will be responsible for umpiring the game, keeping track of the game time and runs scored. Umpire will notify teams when there is 10 minutes left. If there is a discrepancy between the score book and umpires scorecard the score card is considered final.

Forfeit

Once the schedule is out it is considered final. If a team cannot make a game, it will be considered a forfeit and we will not reschedule the game. If a team knows that they cannot make the game in advance, we ask that they call the Recreation Supervisor at the FRRPD office on or before game day by 2pm.

Score Books/Line Ups

The home team is responsible for keeping the book. Each team is responsible for entering last name and first initial **clearly** in the score book, **once entered the line-up is final** and the rotation of the batting order cannot be changed. Late players may be added please see below rules, note player needs to be announced to the official before their at bat.



Coed: If a female player arrives late they can be added to the bottom of the lineup. If a male player arrives late they need to share/rotate a spot in the lineup with another male.

Men's: If a player(s) arrives late they are to be added to the bottom of the line-up unless they already have 10 players in which case they would have to share/rotate a spot in the lineup.

Courtesy Catcher: If a team only has eight (8) players, the opposing team must supply a courtesy catcher. The courtesy catcher will only be used to return the ball to the pitcher.

Equipment

Men's division will play with a 12" softball. Coed divisions women will play with a 11" softball and men will play with a 12" softball.

Bats: FRRPD will follow the current ASA banned bat list. Please visit our website so the most update banned bat list. No one at any time may use **illegal equipment** including altered or ASA banned illegal bats or senior bats.

Cleats/Jewelry: No metal cleats or exposed dangerous jewelry.

Protests

All judgment calls will stand. Only rule interpretation calls may be protested. When a matter of protest arises during the game, the manager of the protesting team must immediately before the next pitch, notify the umpire and opposing team that the game is being played under protest. The protest must be noted in the official score book. This must be followed up by submitting a written report of the protest by 5:00pm the following business day, to the League Directors at the FRRPD office.

Protests of illegal players must be made prior to the top of the third inning and the facility attendant will verify. If it is determined by the facility attendant that there are illegal players playing the game will be called a **forfeit**. The game can continue as long as the illegal player has left the field (and dugout), but it will still be a forfeit.

Game Time

A minimum of 8 players is required for it to be an official game.

Game time is as listed on the schedule. If there are not enough players to start the game at game time an additional 5 minutes will be allotted for players to arrive, however, the official game time does start as listed. If after the additional 5 minutes there are not enough players to field a team the game will be declared a forfeit.

Games will be 65 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first. No new inning may be started after 65 minutes. If the time limit is up in the middle of the inning, the inning will be completed.

In the event of a Tie: 1 inning only will be played with the international tie breaker rule. The last batter out will start at second base. After the additional inning if the game is still tied, it will be declared a tie.

All games called due to weather, darkness, or any other unplayable conditions are official after the top of the 4th inning.

Home Runs

Men's: Three plus equalizer: Each team may hit three home runs. Once a team reaches three, they cannot hit another one until the other team hits three. Thereafter, no team may ever get more than one home run ahead of the other team. When a team hits a home run in violation of this rule an out



will be called. Exception: When the game reaches the 7th or last inning, the visiting team may go up by one and the home team may “catch up” but not go ahead.

Coed: Three home runs are allowed per game per gender totaling six (3 for men, 3 for women).

Pick-Up Players

In the event a team is short players they are allowed to pick-up players from another team under the following guidelines:

1. Team must start with a minimum of 6 rostered players from their own team and can pick up a maximum of 4 additional rostered players bringing the **total to 10 rostered players**. Pick up players are only allowed to play with the same team up to 3 times. For every player that is picked up it will count as a run against your team. In the **coed divisions** they must have an equal amount of men and women or they can play with more women than men. Teams must have at least one male player. However, if both managers agree to play with more men than women then the game can be played. At least four women have to play.

COED: If you have less than a 5 males and 5 females you are allowed to pick up players to bring the total to 5 males and 5 females.

Men's: less than 10 players teams are allowed to pick up players bringing the total to 10.

Ten Run Rule

If a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 innings or 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead, the game will be called.

Sliding/Base Play

Sliding is permitted. However, players must not slide aggressively in an attempt to “take out” a fielder (at the **umpire's discretion**). Players that do so will not only be out, but can be ejected from the game. If a player is ejected from a game they are also ejected from the following game and possibly more games, this is up to the Recreation Supervisor. A commit line will be used at home plate which eliminates sliding at home for **coed**.

No bunting; Stealing or leading off, all base runners must stay on the base until the ball is hit. Players that leave the base early will be call OUT.

Hitting up the Middle

Purposely hitting up the middle or joking about hitting up the middle will lead to ejection and possibly a suspension.

Courtesy Runners

One courtesy runner per inning per gender will be allowed. Unless, an injury occurs during the game then that player gets unlimited use of a courtesy runner.

Designated Hitters

Not allowed.



Coed Specific Rules

Teams must have an equal amount of men and women to play the game, with the minimum being 8 players, **6 of those players must be on your roster.** Batting order must alternate male/female. If you have more males than females the additional males must share a spot in the line-up if more females than males it is ok for them to bat back to back (must have one male). This rule applies for players listed on your roster only.

Defensive Rules: There are no restrictions on male/female players in the outfield or infield. In the infield there can be no more than 7 players (pitcher, catcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, shortstop and rover).

Batting

A male player who walks on four straight pitches is awarded second base. The female batter who follows has the option to hit or be awarded first base regardless of the number of outs.

Any male batter walked after the 5th inning, regardless of the count will be awarded 2 bases.