



Adult Coed Softball Church League Rules

1. ASA Softball Rules will be the governing rules for league play. Some exceptions may occur between local league rules and ASA rules. The pitch must have a minimum arc of 6 ft. from the ground. The maximum allowable arc is 12 ft. from the ground.
2. Line ups must be turned in 10 minutes prior to game time. Line ups will include names, numbers and the batting order.
3. If the game hasn't started 15 minutes after game time, due to a team not having enough players, which shall be a forfeit for that team.
4. Games will have a one hour time limit or seven innings. An inning will not begin after the time is up, unless the game is tied.
5. **Home run rule: After three (3) homeruns, alternate home runs.**
6. METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!
7. Official slowpitch softballs : Optic Yellow 12" (no bigger than .44 Core 400 Compression) for men and Optic Yellow 11" (.440 Core 375 Compression) for women.
8. Rain outs will be made up as time permits. Priority for makeup games will be determined by the league standings.
9. The City of Andalusia Parks and Recreation Department will determine if the playing fields are suitable for play. After the first game of the day has begun, the umpires will assume responsibility for calling off or suspending games. The decision to call off games will be made at 4:00 p.m. Call the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 334-222-2714 if you have any questions about play.
10. Any player displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or expulsion. Suspended players must leave the park area and may not return until the suspension has been lifted. The Parks and Recreation Department shall determine the duration of suspensions.
11. A PLAYER THAT IS EJECTED FROM A GAME, FOR ANY REASON, IS REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PARK (NOT JUST THE FIELD) IMMEDIATELY. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FORFIET OF THE GAME.
12. Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason. The penalty for fighting will be suspension for the duration of the current season or possibly expulsion from the program all together.

13. Swearing or cursing will not be tolerated. The penalty for this offense will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately and will have to sit out next scheduled game.

14. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at any City park or facility. (This includes the parking lot)

15. Due to City of Andalusia ordinance, there will be no tobacco use allowed in the facility. This includes smoking, dipping, and chewing. Penalty for violation will be ejection from the game and you will be required to leave the park immediately. *This pertains to players and spectators*

16. Players will in no way threaten or come into physical contact with an umpire. Per Alabama State laws you can be arrested, fined and be subject to jail time for this offense.

17. If there is a problem with a call or a protest, the only member of your team eligible to discuss it with the umpire or parks and recreation department staff is the coach or the team manager.

18. All players, managers and coaches who are going to be on the field or in the dugout must be on the official roster. **IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE ROSTER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.**

19. Official rosters are due prior to the first game. No one shall be added to the roster after the roster has been turned in.

20. Players must be 18 before June 1st of the current year to be eligible for adult play.

21. The NCAA, ASA and AHSAA blood rule applies. Any cut, scrape or open wound that is bleeding, must be stopped and covered before the player can resume play. Bloody clothes must be changed.

22. ASA rule 4.1.d, the short handed rule is amended as follow: teams playing shorthanded will not be penalized with an out when the 10th position comes to bat. If the player joins the team before the 10th position comes to bat, the player will play. If the player joins the team after the 10th position has come to bat, the player can only play as a substitute.

23. Teams will be required to have their jerseys by their first scheduled game. Team members jerseys must be similar in color, have a number on the back and the team name on the front. (Athletic Dept. will have discretion over this rule). If teams do not have matching jersey's after the set date, it will be at the discretion of the department if a non-matching jersey is suitable in order for the individual to play. (ex. of non-acceptable, team wearing black and individual wearing white)

24. A players name may only be on one roster. Once your name is on a roster for the season, you will not be allowed to change teams.

25. If a team is short handed at game time and needs to pick up no more than three (3) players to field a team, this will be allowed if: the opposing teams coach must be notified, the umpire notified and it is approved by the Parks and Recreation Department staff who is running the complex that night. Once these steps have been taken, the game will be played as an official game and no protest of an ineligible player will be allowed.

26. A courtesy runner will be allowed for an injured player. Only the last out may be a courtesy runner. Coach may not select a specific individual to run. The courtesy runner must be same sex.

27. There will be no stealing allowed in the league.

28. Concerning Co-Ed line ups, the batting order must be a rotation of (2) boy – girl or vice versa. Two girls may bat back to back, if necessary but three men will not be allowed to bat back to back.

29. Men will hit only men's regulation balls and women will hit only women's regulation balls. Women have the option of hitting a male ball. TEAMS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN SOFTBALLS.

30. You are allowed to bat 2 extra hitters, but it must be a male and female extra hitter. If you do not have enough to do so, you will not be allowed to use an extra hitter.

31. If a male batter is walked when there is a female behind him in the lineup, he will advance to second base. When there are two (2) outs and a male gets walked when there is a female behind him in the lineup, the female batter will have the option to either take her at bat or to walk.

32. If a team is playing shorthanded with 9 players and has to bat three (3) men back to back, an automatic out will be issued between the two male batters.

33. There will be a coed line marked in the outfield for games. This line will only be in effect when Women are batting. When a woman is batting no outfielder may be in front of the line. The fielder may come across the line after the ball has been hit. Also, no infielder may play on the grass when a woman is batting. Once the ball has been batted the infielder may play into the grass. If the outfielder or infielder crosses the line/plays on the grass, prior to the ball being batted, the batter will be awarded 1st base automatically. It will be the umpire's sole discretion whether or not the fielders were/are in violation of this rule. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY WHEN A MALE IS BATTING.**

34. Batters will begin each at bat with a **"1 and 1" count**. Which means the batter will have one ball and strike on them automatically before their at bat. There will be no courtesy foul.

35. Fielding Positions, as per ASA Rule 4, Section 1, Article C, sub-section 3F. Co-ed teams must have two males and two females in both the infield and outfield. Pitcher / catcher combination has to be one male and one female. Either male or female may pitch or catch, as long as it is a male / female combo. If you only have three girls to show, check with other team to make sure they are fine with you play 7/3 on defense.