

# 2021 Fall Softball League Rules



## General Rules:

1. We will be using NSA for our umpires this year and will be using NSA rules. All BATS must have the NSA 2012 stamp on it or it will not be allowed to be used. A pitch must have a legal arc minimum of 6' from the ground and shall not exceed 10' at its highest point while in the air. Pitching distance is 53' - pitcher must have foot on rubber at the time of the release of the pitch. If a pitcher fakes, or is not in contact with the rubber it will be a "Dead Ball" and the pitch will be determined a ball. **A mat placed behind the plate will be used for the strike zone. Any legally pitched ball within the minimum and maximum height limits that hits the mat will be called a strike.**
2. Three balls, two strikes. Home team is the first team listed and will be in the third base dugout. A 12" ball will be used for men, 11" for women. **Per NSA COED Rules: Due to our league switching balls there is no COED line. However, COED teams may NOT play a 5 man infield and all infielders must be on the dirt, the outfield has to be in the grass in an umbrella formation and CANNOT be on the dirt.**
3. There will be a maximum of three (3) home runs per game! Any more than three (3) will be considered an out. **Home Runs will be a hit and sit. No need to run the bases. If you hit the home run you get it!**
4. There is a must slide for all bases except first when there is a close play. (Umpire's discretion)
5. **50 minute time limit** or 7 innings, whichever comes first. **No new inning may be started after 50 minutes from game time.** RUN RULE: 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. There is no flip-flop rule. In the event of a tie any extra inning games will be governed by international tie breaker the first extra inning.
6. CO-ED 10 players play on defense. The pitcher/catcher combination must be 1 male/1 female. Infield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. Outfield combination must be 2 males / 2 females. When a male batter is walked intentionally or unintentionally, the male batter is awarded second base, and the following female batter must bat. EFFECT: The ball is dead and the male batter may go directly to the awarded 2nd Base without touching 1<sup>st</sup> base. EXCEPTION: WITH TWO OUTS the following female batter has the option to bat or walk.
7. Mens/Womens Leagues: 10 players play on defense.
8. Teams must have at least 10 players for a full team. If a team has less than 7 players the game will be called a forfeit. Any team with less than 9 players will take an auto out somewhere in their lineup. In CO-ED there must be at least as many men as women playing at any time. Teams may play with more women than men, but not more men than women. Using players from the team you are currently playing will result in a forfeit. Forfeit Rule. Any team that forfeits 3 games during the season will not be allowed to participate in post season tournament.
9. **Teams are ENCOURAGED to have matching(same color) shirts and must have a 6" number on the back.** **Everyone must be in a uniform with a number on it by August 13<sup>th</sup>.** NO

DUPLICATE NUMBERS! NO TAPED ON NUMBERS! Shirts without numbers and shirts with duplicate numbers will cost teams 5 runs every time that player come to bat. Shirts must be worn on outside of clothing.

10. No foul or abusive language will be tolerated. No fighting will be tolerated. Penalties for each of these violations are spelled out in the "Player Code of Conduct". Team captains are responsible to see that all team players know and adhere to the "Code of Conduct." Use of the "F" word will be an automatic ejection.
11. We will only allow 20 players on your roster. Changes (additions, replacements, etc) can be made to rosters through August, 20<sup>th</sup>. After this date, the roster will be frozen for the rest of the season. Changes must be made on the official roster at the Recreation Office, not at the Ball park. Only players listed on the roster will be allowed to play. All fees must be paid before a player can play. Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught; and will also be suspended for two league games. If caught during tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.
12. TOURNAMENT will be held at the conclusion of the season. Tournament games could be played on any night of the week. If you have a player that plays on multiple team's games could overlap.
13. Rainout information call 804-4622. Updated between 3:30 & 5:30. Also check out our website for updated rainout information at [www.spanishfork.org](http://www.spanishfork.org) Click on Parks & Recreation, then go to "news" & look for rainout info. Any games lost due to rain will either be made up on Saturdays or more likely, not be made up at all.
14. Courtesy runners– 2 courtesy runners per team per inning for the batter only. Courtesy runner does not have to be the last out in that inning or the previous inning. The courtesy runner must occupy the base, once time has been called, prior to the next pitch. If their turn to bat coincides with being on base, the at-bat will be an out. In COED you can have one per inning per gender.
15. Any person caught with Alcohol will be suspended for the rest of the season!
16. Pitchers MUST be wearing a mask in order to pitch!.
17. Only those people on your roster will be allowed in the dugout.
18. Any Roster protest MUST be done prior to the end of the second inning. All players should have their I.D. readily available in case of roster checks.
19. No Metal Cleats!
20. "Service" animals will not be allowed in the dugout! No exceptions. Anxiety and Emotional support animals are NOT service animals and are NOT covered under ADA. Please refer to this link with any questions concerning service animals. [https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service\\_animal\\_qa.html](https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html)