



# 2022 Adult Co-Ed Softball League Rules



ASA slow pitch softball rules are followed except where Moab Rules apply. If a team is unable or unwilling to follow the rules it shall forfeit the game. (An official 2014 ASA rulebook is located in the top file drawer of the Ballpark office.)

1. All players must be registered with Moab City Recreation and have completed liability waiver on team roster. **Only FEMALE players will be allowed on the "roaming" roster, these temporary or substitute players MUST READ & SIGN the "roaming" roster before playing. Failure to do so will result in a team forfeit and the player losing eligibility to play the remainder of the season.** A player on another team's roster may NOT substitute for another team, unless it is a practice or forfeited game.
2. Maximum Players: 10 players on the field (minimum of 4 women); teams may bat 11 players.  
**A team will forfeit the game if less than 4 women are present to play at gametime**  
Minimum Players – 7 players on the field (minimum of 4 women)  
**\*\* If at any point during the game a team drops to less than four female players due to injury or emergency, that team will be assessed an automatic out when that position comes to bat for the remainder of the game. The team will not be permitted to sub a male player into this position, and will play shorthanded defensively for the remainder of the game\*\***  
**A team will forfeit if less than 7 players are present to play.**  
No automatic outs are assessed for playing with less than 10 players.  
Teams can elect to play the game "for fun" after an official forfeit.  
**AS OF 2019, THIS LEAGUE HAS ADOPTED A NEW PITCHING FORMAT:  
THE BATTING TEAM WILL PROVIDE THEIR OWN PITCHER. MALE BATTERS WILL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO PITCHES, REGARDLESS OF BALL OR STRIKE. IF THEY DO NOT HIT EITHER OF THESE TWO PITCHES IN PLAY, THEY WILL BE RULED OUT. FEMALE BATTERS WILL RECEIVE THREE PITCHES. ALL OTHER ABOVE RULES APPLY**  
*The batting team will provide their own pitcher while they are batting. The defensive player in the pitcher's position must begin with at least one foot somewhere on the chalked pitching circle at the time of the pitch and may not move from that position until the ball reaches home plate on the pitch.*
3. Games are limited to **nine (9) innings** or a **75 minute time limit** commencing from scheduled start time (not game time), whichever comes first. **A new inning will not be started with less than 5 minutes remaining.** City Recreation staff has the prerogative to end late-starting games early in order to begin the following game on time. An **automatic forfeit is awarded if a team does not have the minimum number of players (7 total, 4 women) at the scheduled start time.** It is possible to have a double forfeit. **Games will not be rescheduled.**
4. If there is a 12 run lead after the completion of five full innings the game will be called.  
There is a 20 run rule after the completion of three full innings, the game will be called.
5. Age 14 and over **may** play.
6. **Umpires:** Home team is listed first on the schedule. Visitors are listed second. The **home** team from the late game will provide ONE BASE UMPIRE FOR THE EARLY GAME ON THE SAME FIELD. The **home** team from the early game will provide ONE FIELD umpire for the late game. **A team that fails to provide AN UMPIRE will forfeit its next game.** Teams with forfeits will be penalized by receiving a lower tournament seeding. Captain/contact persons for each team are responsible for arranging the umpire schedule for their own team.
7. One new ball and one ball from the previous game will be provided for each game. All balls are to be returned

to the fieldhouse after the game. Teams are not to keep balls.

8. When a woman is up to bat, no outfielder, no matter what gender, will cross the outfield line prior to the batter swinging the bat; infield players must remain on the dirt of the infield. The line will be marked at a distance half way between the bases and the outfield fence.
9. A double first base will be used for safety purposes. All defensive plays must be made on the interior (white) bag (i.e. the first baseman cannot step on the outside bag to force a runner out). Runners must use the exterior (orange) bag (i.e. a runner who steps on the interior bag only is not safe).
10. For Field 1, no more than 3 home runs are allowed per GENDER per inning. Any home run hit over 3 in the inning will be counted as an out; base runners may not advance. For all other fields, only one home run per gender per team is allowed per inning. Any additional home runs in the inning will be counted as outs; base runners may not advance.
11. Metal cleats are allowed. However, a player wearing metal cleats will not be permitted to slide feet - first at any time.
12. Bats must bear the official ASA or USA softball stamp and not be listed on the non-approved bat list for the NCAA or ASA.

**14. An interference rule** will govern plays at second and third base (see rule #16 for home plate) when a close play is on the bag. **Players must attempt to avoid collisions** when possible. If a player does not attempt to avoid collision and the umpire feels that interference occurred as a result, the runner is out. All other base runners will return to the base last occupied at the time of the infraction.

15. All plays at home are force plays. To get a runner out at home a catcher must possess the ball while touching the primary home plate (not the alternate home plate) before the baserunner touches the alternate homeplate (not the primary home plate). A catcher cannot tag out a baserunner. Once the baserunner has crossed the "no-return" line (15' from home plate) they cannot return to third. They must continue home. If they return back cross the "no-return" line they are automatically out.

**16. *\*\*The pitching rubber will be set at 46' and encircled by an 8' chalk circle. pitchers must release their pitch from inside the circle\*\****

17.. Designated runner for an injured player only. **The runner may be any player of the same gender.**

18. ASA Rule 7, Section 2 Subsection D: Batting order shall alternate by gender. No more than two men may bat in a row in the order, ever. **(Even when going back to the top of the order.)**

19. **Tournament play**

- a. Pickup players: Each team may not add more than 3 pickup players to their roster for the end-of-season tournament. Pickup players must have played at least three games for that team during the regular season.
- b. Teams with 3 forfeits on during the regular season (for any reason) will not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament.
- c. **For roaming roster players only: At the time of the tournament, all players on the roaming roster must choose a team that they have played a minimum of three games for during the regular season, and may play for that team alone for the duration of the tournament.**

20. There must be two infielders on either side of second base at the time of the pitch. No "shift" allowed.

21. There are 2 options in regards to setting your batting lineup:

1. Bat 10 (each of your fielders) or 11 (10 fielders plus a "flex" or "DH") players. Any bench player not included in this original lineup would need to sub in for someone in the lineup, taking their place in the field and batting order for the remainder of the game.
2. Bat your entire lineup: This allows you to substitute freely on the defensive side. This lineup would need to stay consistent throughout the game, and batters cannot be skipped in the order.

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This applies to softballs as well as bats. The specifications have not changed, the rules have not changed, only the logo has changed. Bats and balls with the USA Softball stamp ARE legal for ASA play!Feb 1, 2020