



Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department Co-ed Softball League Rules

Revised: 5/15/19

Rosters:

- ALL players must sign the official City of Olympia roster PRIOR to playing
- It's an Adult league. Players must be 18 years old, or older
- Teams must play five (5) men / five (5) women in the field. Alternate Male/Female batting order
- A team can start with a minimum of nine players, Automatic out for tenth spot. A tenth player can be added at anytime during the game, producing 5/5 ratio. No form of 6/4 ratio is allowed, just 5/5 or 5/4
- All Roster additions/changes must be made prior to final week of regular season play
- "REC" teams may only have up to two A-C level players (1 male and 1 female)

General League Rules:

- **No new inning will start after 1 hour.** Time limit 1hr 15min. Games CAN end in a tie
- Run rule is in effect – Team ahead by 10 after 5 complete innings, 15 after 4 or 20 after 3 is the winner
- All bats need a USSSA approved stamp, and will follow the USSSA BPF, dents, altered, etc. guidelines
- **Game time is START TIME**
- Courtesy Runners-Unlimited. Must be last player of same gender called "out" in batting order
- Each team must appoint a team representative (manager) with whom all dealings will be conducted
- Jerseys – Each team should have similar colored jerseys/shirts, preferably with numbers
- **Game Balls** – The Umpires will provide 11" (for Women) and 12" (for Men) balls for games
- Unlimited Line-up. You may bat the entire team if you wish, provided you alternate M/F.
- **COMP** teams will be allowed **4** over the fence **Home Runs** per game; **REC** teams get **2 HR's**
All over the fence Home Runs in excess of what is allowed will be Dead Ball Outs
- **Pick-up players – ETIQUETTE!** Teams may **ONLY** pick up players (**2 MAX**) to avoid a forfeit **AND** must get permission from opposing team captain to do so (we're assuming most teams don't want to win by forfeit, but it is their prerogative). If regulars show at any point during the game, they **MUST** replace pick-up(s) in the field and pick-ups can only proceed as EH's or substitute out completely
Pick-up players will bat last and play catcher or right field.
- **NO** metal cleats allowed
- If male walks, he gets 2nd base and next batter (female) chooses to bat or take 1st base.
- **No courtesy foul ball.** First foul ball hit with 2 strikes, the batter is out. Count starts 1-1
- **Sunflower seeds** are allowed & encouraged...**Except on turf fields (Stevens #1)*

Miscellaneous:

- Rainouts – The Rainout Line is **360-570-3955**. Rained out games will be re-scheduled, they **MAY BE** re-scheduled on a night other than your typical League night
- Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation reserves the right to add or alter league rules (Run Spots, League switching, Player eligibility, HR rule, etc.) at any point of the season
- Extreme profanity may result in the player(s) being ejected from game or league. *Please be respectful of the several families and children that will be present each evening*
- The League Director(s) shall review any situation not covered by the rules and render a decision. All decisions are final
- Smoking (cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other vaping devices are prohibited in all City of Olympia parks and trails. Also, it is illegal to possess or consume alcohol at Yauger/LBA/Stevens. Any team or player(s) caught with alcohol on the premises may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the League.