COED Rec League Rules

Ward Parks and Recreation

1. USSSA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY RULES STATED HERE**.
2. EACH BATTER STARTS WITH A 1 BALL / 1 STRIKE COUNT AND HAS A COURTESY FOUL.
3. ALL GAMES WILL HAVE A **50 MIN** TIME LIMIT. IF TIME RUNS OUT AND THE VISITOR IS AT BAT OR IT IS THE MIDDLE OF AN INNING, THE INNING WILL BE FINISHED BEFORE THE GAME IS CALLED.
4. **BALLS**: WOMEN WILL USE AN 11" SOFTBALL AND MEN WILL USE A 12" SOFTBALL. TEAMS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN USSA APPROVED (STAMPED) BALLS, UNLESS USING RAG BALL. RAG BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED BY WPR.
5. ALL **TEAM EQUIPMENT** MUST BE PROVIDED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL TEAM & MUST FOLLOW USSSA GUIDELINES & BE USSSA APPROVED.
6. **NET** IS PROVIDED FOR PITCHER PROTECTION; NET OR FACE MASK MUST BE USED.
    a. ANY MODIFICATION OF THIS RULE, MUST BE CLEARED BY DIRECTOR, IN WRITING.
    b. IF A HIT BALL CONTACTS THE NET, IT IS TREATED AS A FOUL BALL.
7. **MINIMUM AGE:** REC LEAGUE MINIMUM AGE IS 18 YEARS OLD.
8. **PICKUPS:** PICKUPS ARE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE A TEAM DURING REGULAR SEASON GAMES. **ONLY 2** PICKUPS ALLOWED FOR THE END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT.
9. **ROSTER** MUST BE TURNED IN BY 2ND GAME; NO CHANGES AFTER 4 WEEKS, UNLESS APPROVED BY DIRECTOR FOR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.
10. **USE OF EXTRA HITTERS (EH):** EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED TO USE AN EXTRA HITTER. IF A TEAM CHOOSES TO USE THE EXTRA HITTER THEY MUST FOLLOW M/F ORDER.
11. **BATTING ORDER:** MALE & FEMALE ALTERNATE; NO MORE THEN 2 MEN IN A ROW.
    a. IF PLAYING 6/4, THEN SHOULD BE MFMFMMFMMF
12. **# OF RUN RULE**: IF TEAM IS AHEAD BY 15 OR MORE RUNS AFTER THE 3RD INNING, 12 OR MORE RUNS AFTER THE 4TH INNING, OR 10 OR MORE RUNS AFTER THE 5TH INNING THEY WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER. WITH CONSENT FROM BOTH TEAMS, THE TEAMS CAN CONTINUE THE GAME BUT WILL END AT 50 MINUTES.
    a. **FLIP/FLOP RULE CAN BE USED**
        i. IN THE INNING WHEN THE RUN RULE IS EXCEEDED AND THE HOME TEAM IS LOSING, THE HOME TEAM WILL REMAIN AT BAT AND BECOME THE VISITING TEAM.
13. **FORFEITS**: IF ANY TEAM HAS LESS THAN 8 PLAYERS AT GAME-TIME (4 MEN AND 4 WOMEN) THEN THEY MUST FORFEIT IF THEY CANNOT PICK UP 2 EXTRA PLAYERS. A PRACTICE GAME MAY BE PLAYED IN THE PLACE OF THE ACTUAL GAME BUT THERE WILL BE NO UMPIRE OR SCORE KEEPER.
14. **DEFENSIVE POSITIONING**: MAXIMUM OF 10 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD, 4 MUST BE WOMEN.
    a. EXTRA PLAYERS MAY BAT, FOLLOWING THE MALE/FEMALE ORDER.
15. **WALKING RULE**: ANY WALK TO A MALE BATTER WILL RESULT IN A TWO BASE AWARD (BATTER GOES TO 2ND). THE NEXT BATTER (IF FEMALE) WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO BAT OR TAKE THE WALK. THIS MUST BE DECLARED TO THE UMPIRE **BEFORE** SHE ENTERS THE BATTER'S BOX.
16. **FOOTWEAR**: ABSOLUTELY **NO METAL CLEATS WILL BE PERMITTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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17. **COURTESY RUNNERS*:*** MUST BE USED ONLY AFTER THE BATTER HAS MADE IT TO FIRST BASE. MALE RUNNER FOR MALE BATTER, FEMALE RUNNER FOR FEMALE BATTER.
    a. IF COURTESY RUNNER IS ON BASE & IT'S THEIR TURN TO BAT, THEY ARE OUT.
    b. ONLY 1 MALE RUNNER & 1 FEMALE RUNNER ALLOWED PER INNING.
    c. PITCHER MAY HAVE A RUNNER EACH TIME.
18. **HOME RUN RULE*:*** EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED **4** OVER THE FENCE HOME RUNS PER GAME. AFTER THE THIRD HOME RUN, THE BATTER WILL BE CALLED OUT.
19. **NO BUNTING OR STEALING IS ALLOWED!!**
20. **SLIDING**: NOT RECOMMENDED. WARD PARKS AND RECREATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES YOU SUSTAIN FROM SLIDING IN COED.
21. **BOTH FIELDERS AND BATTERS MUST MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO AVOID COLLISION.** AT THE UMPIRES DISCREATION, THE PLAYER INSTIGATING A COLLISION MAY BE CALLED OUT AND/OR EJECTED FROM THE GAME. WPR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES.
22. **BASE DISTANCE:** BASE DISTANCE IN COED IS 65 FEET; PITCHING DISTANCE IS 50 FEET.
23. **PITCHING:** THE BALL MUST ARC AT LEAST 3' BEFORE CROSSING OVER HOME PLATE BUT NO HIGHER THAN 10'.
24. WARD PARKS AND REC WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE UMPIRE PER GAME.
25. **CLEAN UP** – YOU & YOUR TEAM ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP YOUR TRASH & DUGOUT.
26. CITY OF WARD, WP&R ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES OR LOST & STOLEN ITEMS
27. **ALL PRACTICES AT THE WARD BALLPARK MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.**
28. **GAMES** – THURSDAY NIGHTS. TIMES COULD BE 6:00PM, 7:00PM &/OR 8:00PM - IN THE EVENT OF MULTIPLE MAKE UP GAMES, GAMES COULD BE ON ANOTHER NIGHT; DECISION BY MAJORITY & DIRECTOR.
29. **ANY AND ALL GRIEVANCES SHOULD GO THROUGH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.** THEY MUST BE IN WRITTEN FORM INCLUDING A SIGNATURE AND DATE. CONTACT INFORMATION IS AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.
30. **WE ARE PLAYING ADULT COED SOFTBALL WHICH MEANS EACH PLAYER IS EXPECTED TO ACT LIKE AN ADULT**. RESPECT OTHER PLAYERS, UMPIRES, ETC. AT **ALL** TIMES. PLEASE USE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES AND REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE, AS THIS IS A FAMILY ORIENTED BALL PARK. **IF YOU ARE KICKED OUT OF A GAME FOR NOT FOLLOWING ONE OF OUR PARK RULES, YOU HAVE TO SIT OUT THE FOLLOWING GAME. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN WHILE AT WARD SPORTS COMPLEX. IF YOUR CHILD CAUSES TROUBLE, YOU WILL HAVE TO KEEP THEM WITH YOU OR LEAVE THE PARK.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ABIDING BY THE ABOVE RULES. HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

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ABSOLUTELY NO **ALCOHOL, DRUGS** OR **TOBACCO** USE!!

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