



FREDERICKSBURG
FIELD HOUSE

ADULT COED SOFTBALL RULES

1. Players

- a. 10 v 10 format – 3 females must be playing at all times
- b. Minimum of 7 players need to play otherwise teams will forfeit. 3 females need to be present and playing by the third inning to avoid a forfeit.
- c. Drop Ins are allowed - \$10 per player, per game
- d. NO Drop Ins allowed during the playoffs

2. Forfeits

- a. No show or not enough players will result in a forfeit
- b. Forfeits will be scored 10-0

3. Lineup

- a. Batting Order – 2 Males, 1 Female (Unless team chooses to have more females in the lineup) Teams CANNOT have three male batters in a row. This does not apply if the lineup is flipped.
- b. If three straight males bat, the batting team receives an out.

4. Gameplay

- a. ALL GAMES ARE 7 INNINGS LONG OR ONE HOUR (Whichever comes first)
 - i. Home Team will be given an opportunity to bat if stoppage takes place at the top half of the inning, unless they are leading
- b. ALL pitches must have an arch between 6' and 12'
- c. SLOW PITCH ONLY
- d. 4 balls, 3 strike count – Every Batter starts with a 1-1 Count – If player is hit with the ball then only a ball will be called – NO WALKS unless there are 4 balls pitched
- e. Field/Batting Change overs will occur if any ONE of the following takes place: 3 outs, six runs or all players have batted per inning (if the team has the full 14-person lineup).
- f. If a male batter is walked and a female is next to bat, with two outs, the female will have the option to take first or bat. All players on base will take the appropriate movements.
- g. 10 players are allowed to field – subs during FIELDING only or if an injury occurs. Players subbed must return to the batting order where they were originally. (Females can only be subbed with other females)
- h. Stealing bases is NOT allowed
- i. Overthrows only allow the player to run one extra base. If a player does not run then base is not given to them
- j. You cannot lead off the base. Runner must wait for ball to cross home plate.
- k. Tag up (Flyball) – runner has to either return to base or stay on base until ball is either touched by a fielder or lands in fair territory
- l. Wood and metal bats are allowed (Softball Bats only, Baseball bats are not allowed)
- m. Mercy rule is effect if team is leading by 11 runs after 5 innings or 15 runs after 3 innings, game is ended
- n. Pinch runners are only allowed to be the last batter that got out of the same gender.

- o.** Only team captains can dispute a call with the umpire. Umpire's decision is FINAL
 - p.** If unsportsmanlike behavior or consistent arguing, belittling, or foul language is used towards the Umpire or the other team – A warning will be issued to the player. A second warning will result in ejection from the facility. An ejection is an automatic one-week suspension and may be extended at the League Director's discretion.
 - q.** Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. NO SPECTATORS
- 5. Playoffs**
- a.** If a game is tied – Extra innings only occur in the playoffs.
 - b.** Playoffs are single elimination format.