



City of Watsonville
Parks and Community Services Department

ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL RULE ADDITIONS

To be used as a supplement to the "Adult Softball Rules and Regulations"

- A. Players: All league games are played with ten (10) defensive players. **At least four (4) women must be on the field at all times.** Any time a team drops below the minimum number of women players, the game will be forfeited. If there are only nine (9) players, you may play with four (4) female and five (5) male players. All nine can play the field. Teams must bat eight players on the line-up card, with two males sharing one spot. The two men will alternate at bats.
- B. No team may start or continue a league contest with less than eight (8) batters. Batting order must alternate men and women. Exception: If there are more women than men, more than one woman may bat in a row. If a woman leaves the game due to an injury witnessed by an umpire, the man that follows her in the order will share the spot with the male batter previous to the injured woman on the lineup. If a woman leaves a game, the male batter that follows her in the order must drop out. Exception: if a woman is ejected an out is called in her spot.
- C. Any time a team drops below the number of starting batters due to an ejection, that spot in the order will be considered an out each time it comes up.
- D. Teams may bat all players. When a game is started with 8 or 9 players, teams may add up to the tenth spot throughout the duration of the game, as long as the order is alternating.
- E. No players shall intentionally run over an opposing player. Penalty for such an infraction will be automatic ejection from the game.
- F. Courtesy runners are allowed in Co-Ed. One courtesy runner for a female and one courtesy runner for a male are allowed per inning.
- G. Sliding is allowed, except for at home plate.
- H. The veer line will be used at home plate. When a base runner passes the commit line they **MUST** continue to home and stay on the outside of the veer line. They have reached home plate when their foot touches the home plate line or the ground past the line. The runner will be automatically called out if they touch home plate or go inside the veer line. The defense may not make a tag play on the runner who passed the commit line; all plays at the plate are force plays.
- I. Encroachment Line-Outfield. All four outfielders if playing with 10; three outfielders if playing with nine or less. Must have both feet behind the encroachment line until the batter contacts the ball when a woman is at bat.
- J. Encroachment: No man may take a play, planned or unplanned, that is clearly the female's defensive play. Encroachment calls are made at the discretion of the umpires at the conclusion of the play. Penalty: Runners are awarded the bases they would have reached, in the umpire's judgment, had there been no encroachment.
- K. Fielding positions. Outfield must have two males and two females. Infield must have two men and two women. Pitcher and catcher must be split one man and the other a woman.
- L. Within an inning, switching positions is prohibited. A team may not switch its right fielder and center fielder, for example, based on the ability of the batter.
- M. Walking a male batter. If a man, is walked he will proceed to second base. If there are less than two outs, the woman has to bat. If there are two outs, the woman has the option of taking a walk or hitting.
- N. Alternating ball will be in effect. 11" for when women are at bat, 12" for when men are at bat. Men in Co-ed leagues will be using the **Dudley HYCON (.52 cor) 300 Compression**. Women will be using the **Dudley SY-11 GWSP (.44 cor) 375 Compression**.

