

City of Portland Parks & Recreation Department
Adult Softball Leagues / General Rules
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All leagues will play with current rules established by the National Softball Association (NSA), except for these exceptions or modifications. Rules specific to a particular division are noted, and apply only to that division.

Rule 3, Section 2 – The Official Softball

Teams will hit their own balls. The offensive team must provide all balls, regardless of how many are used. Balls must adhere to NSA rules with no exceptions. Teams that can not provide legal softballs are subject to forfeit of that game. All men's league will hit the 44 / 400 ball.

Co-Ed (per NSA)

Men hit the 12 inch ball, women hit the 11 inch ball.

Rule 3, Section 6 – Uniforms

All players must wear matching shirts (in base color) with a permanent number. Two players are not permitted to wear the same number. There is no grace period on uniforms. Uniform rules can be enforced by the umpire, it does not require a team protest.

Rule 4, Section 1 – Number of Players

Co-Ed (per NSA)

Teams must start and finish with a minimum of 10 players (5 men and 5 women). Teams can use an extra player rule, and play with 12 (6 and 6). There are no options for playing short-handed.

Rule 4, Section 6 – Minimum Age

A player must be at least 16 years old to participate.

Rule 5 – The Game (Official Scorekeeper)

The home team must provide the official scorekeeper. This individual must keep an official scorebook, and must be quickly and easily accessible by the UIC at all times. If a team can not meet this obligation, the opposing team has the option of providing the official book and being home team.

Rule 5 Section 3– Home Team

The home will be designated by the league schedule. If the home team is not determined by the league, a coin toss will decide home team. In tournament play, the higher seed (#1 is highest) has choice of home.

Rule 5 Section 5– Regulation Game - Run Rules and Time Limits

Run Rules	20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.
Time Limit 1 hour	The official game time <u>starts</u> when the UIC calls for play to begin and the first batter to take his position in the box. A new inning officially starts immediately after the 3 rd out of the prior inning. A new inning will begin only if less than 60 minutes has passed on the official game time.
Tournament	All regular season rules apply to all tournament games (run rules <u>and</u> time limits).

Rule 5, Section 10 – Home Run Limits

CO-ED - Class Upper (2 HR one-up).

Rule 5, Section 12 – Home Run Limits

Men - Class B (4 HR one-up) or Class C (2 HR one-up).

Rule 5, Section 15 – Running Out Home Runs

Homeruns are not to be run out. The batter and any baserunners are not required to touch any bases (“hit and sit” in effect).

Forfeits

Any team that forfeits on more than one night of play is subject to possible removal from the league.