



Coed Softball Rules

Rosters: Any roster must have at least 11 players (14 recommended). Rosters must be submitted at the beginning of each game. Only players on the roster are allowed to play. Players must appear in at least 3 games to be eligible for the playoffs.

Forfeit Policy: If you cannot field a team for a Sunday game you must contact CFS by 2pm on Friday. A voice mail or email does not constitute contact unless you get a reply. If you contact us after Friday at 2pm or not at all, and have to forfeit the day of the game, you will have to pay a fee of \$25 to the opposing team. You will not be allowed to play the next scheduled game until this fee is paid. More than 2 forfeits in any league (whether we are contacted in advance or not) will result in elimination from the playoffs.

Keeping Score: The score should be kept by each team; any discrepancies will be resolved with the assistance of the umpire. The umpire is responsible for getting the final score to the league coordinator.

Game Layout: Games are played for 7 innings or 60 minutes whichever comes first. No new inning can be started within 5 minutes of the next game time. If the 60 minutes expires during an inning, the final score is that of the last completed inning. Games may end in a tie in the regular season. In the case of inclement weather 4 completed innings is considered a game. If a game is suspended prior to this, the score, number of outs, base runners and player at bat must be noted on the lineup cards by the umpire. The game will be picked up when rescheduled with the appropriate batter and a 1-1 count.

Start of Games - Captains or team reps should meet with the umpire 5 minutes before scheduled start time to hand in their lineup cards. Any substitutions should be reported to the umpire. Play must start on time! A minimum of 8 players, including 2 females are needed to start. If you start with 3 females the 10th spot in the batting order will be an out until the 10th player arrives. If you have 4 females and 5 males, the female hits 9th and the 10th spot is not an out. There is a 10 minute grace period if one team has less than 8 players, but this does not extend the 60 minute game time.

Players on the Field: There must be 3 females in the field, with 1 in the outfield, and 2 in the infield, or vice versa. One of those infield spots can be pitcher or catcher. If you hit more than 10 players you may substitute freely in the field as long as this rule is followed.

Batters will start with a 1-1 count in all coed leagues and receive 1 courtesy foul with 2 strikes. The 2nd foul ball with 2 strikes is an out.

Batting Order –Will consist of at least 4. With 4 females they must be in the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th position in the lineup. If you have more than 4 females: No more than 2 males can bat in a row. You may bat as many players as you like as long as no more than 2 males bat in a row.

Coed Line—There is a coed line in the outfield 150' from home plate. Outfielders must play behind this line until the ball is Hit.

Injuries – If a player is injured on the field and you have no subs on the bench, you can play with 8, but the injured player's spot in the order is an out. If the injured player is a female, you may play with 1 infield 2 outfield, or vice versa. If you play with one female in the infield it must be a position player (not pitcher or catcher).

If a player is ejected for any reason that spot in the lineup will be an out.

Courtesy Runners—If a player has a previous injury or gets injured in the game and requires a runner, the last batted out will be the courtesy runner. If it is a female the runner must be the last female that made an out.

Base on Balls to a Male (with female to follow) - When a male reaches first base on a base on balls and a female spot follows in the batting order, the man automatically advances to 2nd base. With 2 outs, the female may elect to take 1st base. With less than 2 outs she must take her turn at the plate.

No Bunting - any full swing that is fair is playable.

Pitching - Pitcher MUST be on the rubber (50ft) at time of release of pitch. The ball must reach a height of 6ft off the ground, and cannot go above 10 feet.

Run Rule- 12 after 5 innings, or 20 after 4 innings. If the game has not reached the 60 minute time cap, teams can play for fun.

Safety – Throwing of the bat is illegal and dangerous. Umpires do not have to issue a warning before ejecting a player for throwing a bat but may do so at their discretion. Any excessive base runner contact (at the discretion of the umpire) will result in an out and/or ejection. This includes contact with the catcher.

Leading/Stealing - There is no leading until the pitch reaches the plate. Absolutely no stealing!

Sliding is allowed: Absolutely no take out slides (determining factor is intent, and if runner cannot reach base during slide) or intentional interference with a defensive player, the runner & batter will be called out.

Equipment- Absolutely no metal spikes allowed. 12" co-ed softballs are used for all batters.

For an updated list of legal/ illegal bats go to <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Play-ASA/CertifiedASA-Equipment.aspx>

Alcohol/Smoking/Trash – Smoking and Alcohol are not permitted at any of the fields before, during, or after the game. Please treat the city schools and fields with respect. Pick up all trash!!

All rules not covered here follow 2016 ASA rules. Cape Fear Sports reserves the right to change any rule, at any time, for the betterment of the league. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE.