

Branson Parks & Recreation
Adult Softball League Rules
Co-Ed Recreational Division

1. A 7-innings game will be played by USSSA standards and rules, except for the rule modifications in this rule sheet.
- 2. The Parks Department reserves the right to add or modify the USSSA by-laws to facilitate the smooth running of the league.**
3. When the batter comes to plate, the one-and-one count is in effect. The batter is allowed one courtesy foul.
4. A one hour time limit is in effect. The clock will be started immediately after the pre-game coin flip. NO new inning will be started with 1:00 minute on the clock.
5. The 15-run rule after 3 innings and 10-run rule after 5 innings is in effect.
6. Minimum age to participate is 16 years old.
7. A 10-minute grace period is allowed **ONLY** before the 6:30pm game before a forfeit is called.
8. Any bats deemed unsafe, dented altered, or illegal in any way will not be allowed. A batter using an illegal bat will be ejected from the game. Bats will be limited to 1.20 BPF. Players using altered bats are subject to a 1-year suspension.
- 9. New players can play as soon as they sign the team Waiver/Roster. This MUST be done prior to the start of the game. If a tournament is offered at the end of the season, players must have signed their team's Waiver/Roster by midseason (half of your games) in order to play in the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. A player is only allowed to play on 1 team per division. If an umpire is aware of a violation of this rule, a forfeit will occur against the violating team.
11. A player will be ejected for obscene language, repeated arguing and complaining, etc. In more severe cases, suspensions may arise. Should an altercation occur on the field, any players leaving bench (other than the coach or team representative) will be ejected from the game.
- 12. Any player or coach who verbally or physically threatens an umpire will be ejected from the game and is subject to a suspension from the softball program for the season or longer. On any 2nd ejection in one season, you will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Also, you must apply for reinstatement to the softball program.**
13. No metal spikes will be allowed.
14. No equipment may be left outside the dugout and only the base coaches, batter and on-deck batter may be allowed outside the dugout. (**NO SCATTER RULE**)
15. Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are prohibited on park property.
16. Forfeit Rule: If a team forfeits 2 consecutive weeks, or 3 games in a season, they will automatically be dropped from the league...without a refund.
17. **PROTESTS:** They are to be handled at the exact point of contention.
18. Teams can start, continue and finish a game with 8 players in order to avoid forfeit. An out will not be assessed for the ninth and tenth batters. A forfeit will be assessed for teams with less than 8 players.
19. Each team should have 5 men and 5 women on the field at all times, although a team can start, continue and finish a game with 8 players to avoid a forfeit. Of these 8 players, 4 must be men and 4 must be women. The ninth and tenth batters will not be declared out whenever he/she is due at bat. If a ninth and/or tenth batter arrives, she /he may be inserted into the line-up at the first dead ball. An out will be assessed for the tenth batter if a team is playing with nine players. If a team is playing with 9, there must be 5 women and 4 men in the lineup.
20. If a player is injured and only 10 players are available, an automatic out will be taken in the injured player's place. Courtesy runners may be used for an injured runner, if the umpire deems the injury serious enough. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out. This will not be charged as a substitution.
21. Men and women must alternate in the batting order. On any walk to a male batter, the female batter has the option of walking or batting, until she receives a pitch.
- 22. The teams must provide their own softballs. The men will be using the 12" Classic M softball, 40 COR/325 compression; shall have an optic yellow cover. The women will be using the 11" Classic W softball, 44 COR/400 compression; shall have an optic yellow cover. They must have lettering and logo in blue color and such lettering and logo shall be applied to be indelible. There shall be no COR or compression information written on the ball, marketing materials, or packaging.**
23. Two extra hitters (EH) are allowed, one male and one female. Courtesy runners may be used for an injured runner, if the umpire deems the injury serious enough. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out. This will not be charged as a substitution.
24. Home Run Limit: 1 home run per gender, Any ball hit over the fence (in fair territory, unaided by a defensive player) after the first HR will be ruled out.