



Player Eligibility/Roster

1. All participants must be at least 16 years of age.
2. An 18-player maximum roster is allowed. Players may play on multiple divisions throughout the league during pool/regular season play. Prior the start of playoffs, a player on multiple teams must designate which team they will play on for each given division.
3. To become eligible for participation, each player must sign the official adult roster of the team he/she is playing on. A player can become eligible by signing the original team roster in person at the Branson RecPlex office during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or by signing the original roster in person prior to a game.
 - a. PENALTY: Teams that have not completed rosters by the due date are subject to forfeit any games played without such legal roster on file. Incomplete rosters render players ineligible, which are grounds for forfeit.
4. Roster fraud will result in forfeit and/or suspension.
 - a. Players participating without having legally signed a team roster are considered ineligible and will be considered ineligible until either process is completed.
 - b. Upon legal protest, any team that uses an ineligible player will be subject to forfeiture of any game that the ineligible player has played.
 - c. Any team that puts an ineligible player on the score sheet will be subject to an administrative technical foul or suspension at the discretion of the league manager in charge of the Adult Basketball program.
5. In order to qualify for the end of season tournament a player must have played in at least 50% (4 games) of their team's regular season games.

Game Rules

1. Games will be played in accordance to USSSA rules and regulations with the following modifications. Branson Parks and Recreation league manager reserves the right to add or modify the by-laws and regulations to facilitate a smooth running of the league. A full list of USSSA rules and by-laws can be [found here](#).
2. Each team must have a minimum of 8 players to start and continue the game. An out will be assessed for the 9th batter. **In COED Division games, a minimum of 4 men and 4 women is needed to play. An out will not be assessed if a team is playing with 8 players (4 male/4 female). An out WILL be assessed if the team is playing with 9 players; the 10th spot will be an automatic out.** If a player arrives late to the game, they made be added to the end of the lineup. **In COED, the batting lineup must alternative men and women. On any walk issued to a male batter, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.**
3. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!
4. The game will consist of 7 innings or 55-minutes, whichever comes first. No new inning will be played once the clock shows "0." The game clock will start immediately after pre-game plate meeting.
5. Home and away will be decided based on schedule.
6. Each team is allowed 1 courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner may be any player on the roster, but if their turn at bat comes up while still occupying a base, an out will be charged and the following batter will be up.
7. In all divisions, each batter will begin with a 1-1 count.

8. COED – Each gender is allowed 2 home runs each per game. Any ball hit over the fence in fair territory and unaided by a defensive player after the 2nd home run will be called **OUT**.
9. COED – Mercy rule: 15 after 3; 10 after 5.
10. CHURCH – Each team will be allowed 2 home runs per game. After both teams have reached their home run limit, the 1-up rule will be used. In the 7th/extra innings, the home team can hit a home run to come even in home runs as the visiting team, but they **CANNOT** go 1-up on the visiting team. Any ball hit over the fence in fair territory and unaided by a defensive player in violation of the 1-up rule will be called **OUT**.
11. CHURCH – Mercy rule: 15 after 3; 10 after 5.
12. ~~MEN'S REC – Each team will be allowed 1 home run per inning. Any ball hit over the fence in fair territory and unaided by a defensive player after the 1st home run in the inning will be called an **OUT**.~~ Each team will be allowed 4 home runs per game. After both teams have reached their home run limit, the 1-up rule will be used. In the 7th/extra innings, the home team can hit a home run to come even in home runs as the visiting team, but they **CANNOT** go 1-up on the visiting team. Any ball hit over the fence in fair territory and unaided by a defensive player in violation of the 1-up rule will be called **OUT**.
13. MEN'S REC – Mercy rule: 15 after 3; 10 after 5.
14. MEN'S OPEN – Each team will be allowed 6 home runs per game. After both teams have reached their home run limit, the 1-up rule will be used. In the 7th/extra innings, the home team can hit a home run to come even in home runs as the visiting team, but they **CANNOT** go 1-up on the visiting team. Any ball hit over the fence in fair territory and unaided by a defensive player in violation of the 1-up rule will be called **OUT**.
15. MEN'S OPEN – Mercy rule: 20 after 3; 15 after 4; 10 after 5.
16. **The official softball shall be a 52 Cor./275 Comp. ball.** A 12" ball will be used, and must be provided by both teams. **COED may use an 11" ball. If a ball is the NSA stamp/markings on it, it shall be considered legal;** NSA's official standard is 52 Cor./275 Comp. and this may substitute for the Cor/Comp stamp on the ball.
17. The official bat must bear the USSSA stamp. A player who hits safely after using an illegal bat shall be declared after following opposing team appeal.
18. Anyone sitting with a team is considered part of the team, and can be ejected.
 - a. Non-team members shall not be allowed on the bench.
 - b. All bench personnel shall be listed on the official roster.
19. No tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances are allowed in the facility. Violation of this rule will result in the team being ejected from the league. Managers will be held responsible for their players.
20. Any fan or spectator who comes out of the stands onto the field to confront a game official or RecPlex staff shall be immediately ejected from the facility. This includes before, during, and after a game.
21. Any team who forfeits two games in a season will not be eligible for the playoffs. No refund will be granted.
22. The league manager in charge of the program reserves the right to issue disciplinary action, including suspensions, when deemed necessary for the overall health and benefit of the league. Disciplinary action cannot be appealed. All decisions are final.
23. A team will forfeit if they receive three ejections in one game.
24. Any player that receives 3 ejections in a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Sportsmanship/Code Of Conduct

1. Sportsmanship will be rated on a 1-5 rating scale. Scorekeepers and officials will have input into the team's rating and are encouraged to uphold good sportsmanship from each participant, spectator, and team. A sportsmanship rating will be given to each team following every contest. The team rating is final, even if the game is not completed due to any circumstance.

2. In order to make the playoffs for the season, a team must finish the season with no less than a 3.75 sportsmanship rating. Any team with less than a 3.75 rating will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs and will only play 8 games of their 9 game guarantee without refund.

Playoffs and Bracket-Play

1. Teams in good standing with the league (3.75 or greater in sportsmanship rating) will qualify for the single-elimination playoffs. Only one entry into playoffs will be allowed per team.
2. Teams shall be seeded based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Win percentage of games (ie, a 7-1 record is the same as a 14-2 record)
 - b. Head-to-Head results
 - c. Head-to-Head Runs Differential
 - d. Head-to-Head Runs Allowed
 - e. Overall Runs Differential
 - f. Overall Runs Allows
 - g. Sportsmanship criteria
 - h. Coin Flip
3. Bracket-play shall be a single-elimination tournament with regular season game rules applying.
4. For individuals to qualify for playoffs, they must play in 50% of team scheduled games. A forfeit win shall be declared as participating in that game.

Miscellaneous

1. Any rule not covered in these rules will be left to the discretion of the league manager.