

# 2022 Pelican Park Co-Rec Recreational Softball

# LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

#### The purpose of the Co-Rec Recreational Softball League is fun, socialization, and exercise. Please keep these goals in mind at all times.

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#### LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be 18 years or older.
- All players must have ID at all times for age verification and roster verification.
- All players must be fully registered through RecDesk before playing.

#### **LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS** ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED UNDER USA SOFTBALL SLOW PITCH RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

# **Equipment Specifications**

- All bats must bear the USA SOFTBALL certification stamp OR the USSSA **SLOW PITCH certification stamp.** 
  - The **USA SOFTBALL** stamp certifies the bat for Slow Pitch Softball.
  - The **USSSA SLOW PITCH ONLY** stamp certifies the bat for Slow Pitch Softball.
  - Approved bats with old stamps will be allowed.
  - Bats must contain one of these stamps.

**NEW USA STAMP** 





NEW USSSA STAMP OLD USSSA STAMP





- The **USA SOFTBALL CERTIFIED** stamp certifies the bat for Fast Pitch Softball 0 and CANNOT be used.
- All other bats are deemed illegal.
- See the attached USA non-approved bat list for the current year. If a bat is on the non-approved list, it is illegal even if it bears the USA certification mark (bats manufactured prior to the USA ruling).
- All banned MIKEN ULTRA bats will not be allowed.
- The pitching rubber is set at 50 feet.
- Bases are set at 65 feet.
- Metal cleats are not allowed.

# **Equipment Specifications (continued)**

- Each team is responsible for providing their own 12" game ball for men and 11" game ball for women. The batting team will provide their game balls to the opposing team.
  - It is recommended that the two different balls are different colors to more easily tell them apart.
  - Women have the option to hit the 12" ball if they choose.
  - The 12" ball must be .52/300 OR .44/375.
  - The 11" ball must be .44/375.

## **Game Play Specifications**

- All games will be six (6) innings with a one (1) hour time limit. The ten-run rule will be utilized after five (5) innings.
  - We ask that players arrive on time and minimize time between innings to get as much playing time in as possible.
  - If the official is not there on time, get someone from either team that is not playing at that time or a spectator to start the game. Do not wait until an official shows up to start the game.
- The number of male players in the game can be a **MAXIMUM of TWO MORE** than the number of female players in the game. This applies to both the batting lineup and the field. Please refer to the table below.

TOTAL # of PLAYERS	MAXIMUM MALE / FEMALE RATIO
6	4 men / 2 women
7	4 men / 3 women
8	5 men / 3 women
9	5 men / 4 women
10	6 men / 4 women
11	6 men / 5 women
12	7 men / 5 women

- No more than 2 male players can bat consecutively in the lineup.
- If a male batter is walked, and a female batter immediately follows in the lineup, that female batter has the option to take an intentional walk.
- Men and women can play any defensive position in the field.
- The pitcher must have one foot in contact with the rubber until the ball is pitched.
- The pitcher must pitch the ball with an arc six to twelve feet high.
- A pitching screen can be used at the discretion of the pitcher.
  - If a batted ball hits the screen and is not fielded, the batter and all runners advance 1 base.
  - If a batted ball hits the screen and is fielded, it is a live ball.

## **Game Play Specifications (continued)**

- The "third strike" foul rule **will** be utilized.
- Balls hit over the outfield fence in fair territory will be considered a home run. There is no limit to the number of home runs allowed.
- Do not argue with the umpire. If a player is ejected from the game, he or she will sit out the remainder of that game, plus the next 2 games played by the team.
  Two ejections in 1 season will result in dismissal from the league.
- There will be no standings kept and no awards given in this league.

# **Team Roster Specifications**

- Any male or female adult over the age of 18 may participate in this league.
- Players must be fully registered to participate in the league.
  - $\circ$  Fees paid
  - Liability Forms completed
- Team uniforms are not required.
- Teams must have a minimum of 6 players present to begin a game.
- Teams may have a maximum of 10 defensive players on the field.
- In the event of an injury, officials may allow teams to finish a game with less than the number of players that they started with.

## **General Expectations**

- While this is an Adult League, games are often played at the same time and location as our Youth Sports. We expect all players and spectators to be aware of and respectful of the park and its patrons.
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! This means no drinking in the dugout, stands, or parking lot. NO TAILGATE PARTIES!!!
- All disputes and rule interpretations should be resolved by the team captains

Games will be played if at all possible. Teams should call the Sports Hotline at **<u>985-626-1444</u>** for field conditions and game information. Please see that all players have this number.