

Co-Ed Softball Rules

Overview:

- All teams must be ready to play 15 mins prior to scheduled game times
- Teams must start with a minimum of 8. 4 women and 4 men
- Completed rosters need to be turned in by Wednesday before.
- Game-length will be 30 minutes. No new inning shall start after 30 minutes.
- Coin flip will determine home \ visitor during pool play. Once bracket play begins, the highest seed will be the home team.
- Players can only be on one team during the entire tournament.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages during a game by coaches, managers or players is prohibited. NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD. Violations will result in a forfeit and possible ejections.
- If any player is asked to leave for inappropriate behavior his or her team will forfeit the tournament without refund.

Offense:

- Batters will start with a 3 Ball 2 Strike Count.
- Courtesy runners are permitted. Must be the last out of the previous inning of the player of the same sex.
- Three (3) home runs per team per game. Any home runs after that will be an out. The runners may not advance. This rule does not apply to in the park home runs. A team can purchase 3 more homeruns for the game by paying \$5 per home run prior to start of the game.
- The batting order must alternate male/female or vice versa. If a team fails to alternate batting order, an out will be recorded. Each team has the option of batting all available players or just those who play in a defensive position. The batting option must be determined at the start of the game and cannot be changed once the lineup has been submitted to the scorekeeper.
- All rosters are limited to 15 players that must be given to the field monitor prior to the start of your first game. Only players listed on the roster will be allowed to play in the tournament. **Players may not be added once your first tournament game has begun.**
- Batters receive one pitch and if called a strike the batter is out. If a ball is hit foul, whether caught or not, the ball is dead and runners may not advance. If umpire rules the pitch unhittable, a walk will be granted.

Defense:

- Pitching arc is 6-12 feet, mats will be used.
- Defensive positioning shall include two males and two females in the outfield, two males and two females in the infield, and one male and one female in the pitcher-catcher positions. Once determining positions, the players must be stationed in fair territory, except the catcher. In the case of unequal players (fewer men than women), more women may play in the outfield but the infield and pitcher-catcher positions must be equal numbers of males and females. If only 8 players are fielded, 3 must be positioned in the outfield and the pitcher may assume 2nd base coverage.
- Pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber and foot must be in contact with the pitching rubber at the point of release.
- Catcher will remain in normal catcher's position.
- Teams have *30 seconds* to exchange between innings. If all defensive players are not on the field (including the catcher), the ball may be pitched and the inning begins.
- Stalling tactics by the defensive team are not allowed. Once a play has ended and time is called, the ball must be returned to the pitcher immediately. **Penalty: Batter is awarded first base.**
- Play at home will *always* be a force out. (**No Sliding/ Contact at Home**)
- Commit line: A perpendicular line will be chalked 32'6" from home plate on the third base foul line. If a base runner advances past the line, the runner must go home. This rule also applies on a fly ball/tag-up situation.
- Fielders cannot pass the 175' arc-shaped line in the outfield until the ball is hit. When female player is hitting, the 10th defender must be behind the 175' arc in the outfield. **Penalty: Batter is awarded first base.**

The purpose of this league is for FUN! There are no trophies or awards! No college scholarships will be awarded from West Feliciana Parks and Recreation, nor League Officials.

PLAY BALL!!

West Feliciana Parks and Recreation and League Officials have the right to change rules as they see fit, for the overall benefit of the League.