**ADULT MEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES**

Community Services

Arrillaga Family Gymnasium

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| **General rules** |
| 1. Games are scheduled at Nealon Park, 800 Middle Avenue.
2. The ASA Official Rules unless otherwise listed below shall govern all games.
3. All players must read, understand, and then sign the waiver on the Official Roster Form.
4. All players must carry a valid I.D. to each game.
5. Player Add Deadline will be no later than the 5th team game for all leagues. In order to add a player the person must go to the field and read and sign the roster.
6. Uniforms are appreciated, but not required.
7. No Metal Spikes. Rubber spikes only
8. The SANCRA Code of Conduct will be enforced.
9. If you realize your team is unable to field enough players, please notify the league office at least 24 hours in advance so we can notify the other team and the officials. Teams not showing up to 2 games with or without notification to league office may be dropped from league.
10. Official game time kept on the field. Park closes at 10:00pm. – Be respectful of neighbors.
11. Protective face gear is suggested for pitchers
12. Awards- Prizes will be awarded to the team who wins the championship for each league
13. Each player is eligible to play for one team in Men’s Division and one team in the Co-Rec Division during same season.
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| Game rules |
| Batting Order:**Please provide the scorekeeper with a written line-up 10 minutes prior to game time.** An individual may only bat in one line-up spot in the contest. Optional batting order permitted: Teams may bat all players that show up to game. 1. Playoff Eligibility- Players must have played in 3 games or more
2. All teams (Men and Co-Rec) must have a minimum of eight (8) players or game is a forfeit. Co-Rec must have at least four (4) Women. Men can never outnumber women on the field (**only exception:** 4 women and 5 men)
3. Re-Entry Rule: Starting player and substitute can each re-enter the game once. Only can be done in each others batting spot.
4. Co-Rec- Defensively Outfield-2 men and 2 women any positioning allowed, Infield with pitcher catcher- 3 men and 3 women, any positioning allowed. In all cases you can have more women (**example:** 3 women and 1 male in outfield is legal)
5. Outfielders may not position themselves on the infield at any time during the game (Co-Rec).
6. No fake tags, aggressive tags, or blocking base runner from touching bases.
7. Base runners must avoid collisions with fielders. Sliding is permitted but no “crash slide” in effect.
8. Strike Zone: A legal pitch 6’ – 12’ arc that lands on the mat behind home plate. Pitcher is also allowed to pitch from 6 ft. behind existing mound.
9. Balls and Strikes: Start with a 1-1 count 1) 3 balls is a walk, 2) 2 strikes is a strike out, 3) Third Foul rule in effect = one strike and 2 fouls or 3 fouls and batter is declared out.
10. (Co Rec)Walk Rule: Male batter is awarded 2nd base when walked, regardless of pitch count.
	1. With less than 2 outs female batter that follows must bat
	2. With 2 outs female batter that follows may choose to hit or take a walk. Declare intention before stepping into batters’ box
11. Courtesy Runner: One per team per inning. Must be person of same gender who made the last out.
12. Warm up Pitches- 3 allowed in first inning. 1 pitch after 1st inning unless a change in pitchers is made then 3 allowed at change
13. All outfielders (Co-ed) must remain behind 170 foot line (marked on fence poles) for all batters until ball is hit.
14. Run Rule: Any team that is ahead by 12 or more runs after 5 innings or 20 or more runs after 4 will be declared the winner and the game considered concluded. Run rule does not apply for championship game.
15. Run Rule per Inning: A team may score only 10 runs above their opponent per inning. (ex. A team in the top of the first may score only 10 runs; In the bottom of the first, if a team is down 10-0, they may score 20 runs. A team trailing 6-4 may score 12 runs to take a 10 run lead).
16. Time Limit: No new inning after 65 minutes. Tie games will have maximum two innings using international rules.

Playoffs – Regular season time limit in effect first two games. **75 minute Time Limit for championship game.**1. Home run Rule: 3 over-the-fence homeruns per team per game. Each additional will be ruled an out.
2. ALL Leagues: No Bunting allowed.
3. Forfeits: If a team does not have enough players to start at game time, the game clock will begin. If after 10 minutes has elapsed, said team still doesn’t have enough players, it is a forfeit. If the final player arrives prior to the elapsed 10 minutes, Home team shall take the field immediately to get play started. **The 10 minute forfeit rule will apply to the FIRST GAME each night including play-off and championship games. All games after the first contest: GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.**

**The following actions may warrant an ejection**. 1. Rough tactics not limited to fighting
2. Obscene gestures, disrespectful language toward officials, players or spectators either before, during or after games.
3. Intentional or unintentional bat throwing
4. Appearing on the field or in the dugout while under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Players are not allowed on the field or near the dugout with alcohol. 2 game suspension will be mandatory
5. Flagrant rule violations
6. Any actions deemed by the City as to not being conducive to the atmosphere at Nealon Park.
7. **Protest Rule:** All protests must be made to umpire at the time of the incident. Then a written protest must be delivered in person to the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium by 5pm the following business day.
8. Foul Balls/Batted balls out of play: As a courtesy to game staff, we ask players and spectators to please help retrieve foul and home run balls whenever possible.
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| **Contact information** |
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