

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2016 COED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

Bases: 65'

Ball: 12" Optic Yellow softball

Classic M (COR: 40 or less, 325 Compression)

or Classic Plus (COR: 52 or less, 225-375 Comp)

Pitching Rubber: 50'

Time Limit: 7 innings or 1 hour

1. Rules not covered by the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Department rules are governed by the USSSA Rule Book.
2. Home team will supply a new 12" Optic Yellow game ball and the visitors will supply a good used 12" ball. Both teams will hit the same 12" ball during the game. No illegal balls. Home team will be listed on the schedule.
3. Games will be 7 innings or one (1) hour in length, whichever come first. Games will start on time. Game time is forfeit time.
4. Free substitution in the field. Any bleeding will have to be stopped and the wound covered before that player can reenter the game. Team can substitute for that player but he can reenter the game.
5. Teams must have eight (8) players to start a game. Maximum of ten (10) players on the field. Teams can play with more females than males, but not more males than females. Must be **18 years** old to play.
6. Males and females will alternate in the batting order. If you have extra players, everyone can bat. **BUT** if you have extra males and they bat back to back then one out will be called. It will be allowed for two females to bat back to back.
7. 10 run rule after 5 innings, 15 run rule after 3 innings. **Tiebreaker:** After the completion of 7 innings, or when the time limit has expired, and the score is still tied, the tiebreaker procedure will begin. The player, who had the last completed at bat in the last inning, assumes a position on 2nd base.
8. Scoresheets will be provided. **Home team will supply a scorekeeper and keep official scoresheet.**
9. Metal spikes are not allowed. Shirts need to be numbered.
10. Only one coach will be designated to talk to umpire.
11. Players have to sign the roster/liability waiver prior to playing. Roster/Liability waivers can be turned in prior to their game. Any further changes to be made will be made because of work change, injury or move. Players cannot change team after the league starts. Players can only play on one team per league.
12. No protests.
13. Walk rule – if a male is walked, regardless of intentional or not, the female following him has the option to walk or bat. The female has to cross home plate before going to first.
14. Teams are responsible for replacement balls after homeruns. **Home Run Rules— Teams can hit 4 home runs. After that they must wait until the other team hits 4 home runs. From then on they will play One-Up Homerun Rule. Any home runs that do not follow this rule will result in an out. In the bottom of the 7th inning and the score is tied, then the home team**

can get another home run. Home Run hitters must touch 1st base prior to going to the dugout. All other runners must touch the base in front of them.

15. Fielding positions:

POSITION	MALE	FEMALE
Outfield	2	2
Infield	2	2
Pitcher/catcher	1	1

16. Outfielders must stay in the grass until batter makes contact with the ball. If the umpire determines that an outfielder was on the dirt before contact was made, the batter has the option to take whatever they hit (single, double, etc), if an out was made.

17. The pitched ball shall not rise higher than **10 feet** above the ground.

18. Final standings procedure:

- A. If two teams are tied record wise at the end of the season, the following will apply to place teams:
 - 1. Record against each other;
 - 2. Record against the next placing team, and so on down the line.
- B. There will be no playoffs for final standings.

19. NO UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

- A. No foul language.
- B. NO DRUGS, TOBACCO, OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARKS OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. Any alcohol spotted in the dugout, field, or stands (by anyone) will be removed and that player/team will receive a warning. A 2nd warning will result in the forfeiture of the game and/or removal of the player and/or team. This decision is based on the supervisor and/or umpires discretion.
- C. ANY FIGHTING WILL MEAN DISMISSAL FROM PARTICIPATION FOR ONE YEAR OF ALL ACTIVITIES, NO APPEALS.
- D. If unsportsmanlike conduct persists by a team or an individual, the team or individual will be kicked out and league fees forfeited.
- E. If ejected individual or team fails to leave the premises, including the parking lot, within one minute from time of ejection, their team will forfeit the game. Any player ejected will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled, played game. If the situation occurs during the final league game, the player(s) in question will be subject to suspension in the following year's softball program. Coaches and spectators are also subject to the same type of ejection rule. No appeals.
- F. Participant is defined as player, coach, and those on the playing field associated with the respective team.

20. Rainouts or other postponements:

- A. DO NOT CALL THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE. Call the rainout number, 630-9550 after 3:00 p.m. Call your team manager because the Parks and Recreation Department will be contacting your team manager.
- C. Rainouts will be made up on the earliest date possible and may be rescheduled for a different day of the week.

21. Rules not listed above and established in the ESPR Policy manual will apply.