

2017 Adult Softball: Manager's Cheat Sheet

Please refer to THE USA Softball RULE BOOK for all rules except for the following MPRB modifications.

Time Limit – No new inning shall start 55 minutes after start of the game. (All games)

Tie Games – will remain a tie, another inning may be played if time permits. (See Time Limit)

Ball and Strikes – 3 balls, 2 strikes no courtesy foul. (Batter must hit ball fair on second strike)

Run Rule – 20 runs after three innings, 15 after four or 10 runs after five innings.

Home Run Rule – Limit of 4 untouched, **over the fence** home runs per team per game for **ALL** classifications and leagues on ALL fenced or partially fenced fields. Anything in excess of 4, the batter is out.

All 'E' Leagues – The half inning is over after six runs have scored. This rule may only be waived if both teams agree to do so.

Sunday Doubleheader Game Times – 5:00 p.m. (all season)

Number of Players – Teams may begin and finish with 9 players without penalty.* A team cannot play with less than 9 players. *(**EXCEPTION**: SEE CO-ED RULE BELOW)

Co-Ed – If a team has 9 players it **MUST** be a gender combination of 5 and 4, AN OUT WILL BE TAKEN IN THE 10TH SPOT. Teams batting order will start with whichever gender has 5 players. **TEAMS CANNOT**

ROTATE PLAYERS IN AND OUT OF THE LINE UP and must follow ASA substitution rules when an uneven number of players above 9 is used to maintain proper batting order.

- **Open Batting Order Co-ED** - Teams may bat entire lineup with a minimum of 4 of each gender. Teams will create two separate lineups, one for males and one for females. The batting order will begin with the gender that has a greater number of players. Teams will then alternate batting by gender adhering to the lineup created for each gender. An out will be taken in the 10th spot if batting 9 players. This will be allowed in league play only...not an option for Metro Tournament (see bulletin for more details)

Courtesy Runners – Prior to the start of the game, teams may designate to the umpire a maximum of three (3) players who will utilize a courtesy runner for the entire game. The courtesy runner will always be the player who made the last out. If no outs have been recorded, use the first previous batter not on base (*of same sex in co-ed*).

Home Team – will be listed on the schedule.

Game Balls – Managers must provide a usable **USA Softball approved ball** for each game. All teams will **hit their own** game balls. An Optic yellow 52COR 300 compression for men and women will be used in MPRB leagues.

Ejection – If a player is ejected the team must have a replacement or a forfeit will be declared.

Weather Info – To check the status of games, please check our web site **after** 3:30pm at, www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/home - click on activities/programs, adult sports softball, & weather update link.

Rosters – Rosters are due by the third game and are done online. Instructions are available on our website.

If you cannot make a game please be courteous and notify the recreation office.

Metro Tournament: Cost \$115.00. Deadline June 23rd 3pm. Must have roster on file to be eligible.

Metro Tournament Dates: Co-Ed: July 29th, 30th
Men's: August 5th, 6th
Women's: August 3rd, 10th