



AUBURN SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES

Rules shall be NSA Official Rules except where preceded by the league rules. The umpires control all games.

1. Once a game reaches one hour, the inning in progress will be the last inning of play. Unless there is a tie. Ties will be played out with tiebreaker rule with a maximum of two (2) innings after time limit. International tie breaker rule will be used (man on second base to begin inning).
2. A five-minute grace period will be scheduled for the start of the first game, umpire determines time. The 2nd game of double header leagues to start immediately after 1st game.
3. A batter will begin with a 1 – 1 count with one grace foul balls after 2 strikes.
4. A team is allowed a maximum of 10 runs per inning. Once a team is ahead by 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings or 11 runs after 5 innings, the game will be considered complete. One courtesy runner per inning. Must be same gender for co-ed league. There will be a maximum of 5 home runs per team, per game. Any home runs after 5 will be ruled an out.
5. A team must have a minimum of 8 players on the field at all times.
Co-Ed League - Teams are allowed a minimum of 3 female and a maximum of 5 male players. A team must take an out for each consecutive male batter. Teams may use any defensive alignment
6. No metal spikes are permitted in the league.
7. No smoking on the field of play or in the dugout area. Smoking at Rieke Park smoking is only allowed in the parking lot.
8. No alcohol of any kind is permitted on Park property (including the parking lot) by city ordinance.
9. Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct will be determined by the umpire. Continued abuse of the rules can result in game / park ejection, and game forfeiting.
10. **Special League Rules:**
 - A. ALL Competitive Leagues – Age Limit is minimum 18 years of age
 - B. ALL Church / Recreational Leagues – Age limit is minimum 15 years of age (Parent must sign waiver)
 - C. Co-Ed – Outfielders will be limited to a 185 ft. arc for female batters, and cannot advance in front of line until ball is hit. No rover allowed.
 - D. Co-Ed – If male batter walks he advances to 2nd base, female batter has the option of hitting or walking.
 - E. Co-ed league will use 12" ball for both genders.
 - F. Co-ed – Outfielder cannot attempt to throw out runner at 1st base.
11. Rosters: A player may only play on one team per league. A 15 person roster with no add on's, unless injury or illness has taken person off the roster. No additional players can be added for tournaments, league session players only. Non-roster players will disqualify team from tournaments.
12. Jewelry on hands, ears and face must be covered, no necklace of any kind (exception medical necklace).
13. A player cannot knowingly block any base from a runner. It is the umpire's judgment if player is playing the ball.
14. In the interest of safety and field maintenance, there will be a "NO DIG" rule. A batter cannot aggressively "DIG IN" the batter's box. A team will receive a warning and then a strike will be assessed.
15. Bats –All bat's must bear the NSA approved 2012 logo. No altered bats are allowed. A repainted bat is considered an altered bat.

POSTPONEMENT

Prior to game time, the Parks Department shall have the sole authority to postpone games. Make-up games will be played on Friday nights, as soon as the schedule will allow. Make-up games extending past the session will not be played. After the start of the game, the decision to postpone will rest solely with the umpires. Games shall be considered complete if 4 innings have been completed.

Teams may call the Parks Department at 925-2997 ext 1809 after **4:00 P.M.** to see if the games are canceled for the evening. The Parks Department will NOT call teams.

ADULT COMPETITIVE (8 Teams Max, Double Header)

Tuesday Nights –\$375 per team / per session

1st Session Dates

April 26th – June 14th
Tournament: June 13th & 14th

2nd Session Dates

June 21st – August 9th
Tournament – August 8th & 9th

3rd Session

August 23rd – October 11th
Tournament – October 10th & 11th

CO-ED CHURCH RECREATIONAL (8 Teams Max, Double Header)

Monday Nights –\$375 per team / per session

1st Session Dates

April 25th – June 6th

2nd Session Dates

June 20th – August 1st

3rd Session

August 22nd – October 3rd

CO-ED (16 Teams Max, Double Header)

Wednesday & Thursday Nights

Summer Session - \$500 per team

May 11th – August 10th
Tournament: August 15th – 18th

Fall Session - \$350 per team

August 24th – October 6th
Tournament – October 12th & 13th
