



Coed Indoor Softball Rules

Rosters: Any roster must have at least 10 players. 3 females are required on the roster (4 are recommended). Only players on the roster are allowed to play. Players must appear in at least 3 games to be eligible for the playoffs.

Scoring: The score should be kept by each team; any discrepancies will be resolved with the assistance of the umpire. The **WINNING** team is responsible for submitting the score via email or the website: <http://www.cascobaysports.com/softballscore>

Game Layout – Games are played for 7 innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. No new inning can be started within 5 minutes of the next game time. If the 55 minutes expires during an inning, the final score is that of the last completed inning. Games may end in a tie in the regular season.

Start of Games – **Home team is decided by coin flip. Play must start on time!** A minimum of 8 players, including 2 females are needed to start. If you start with 8 the 9th spot in the batting order will be an out until the 9th player arrives. There is a 15 minute grace period if one team has less than 9 players, but this does not extend the 55 minute game time.

Lineups—The lineup will be as follows: MMFMMFMMF, if you are going to hit more than 9 you must have a 4th female. **You can never hit more than 2 males in a row.**

Players on the Field. There must be 3 females in the field, **with 1 in the outfield, and 2 in the infield.** **One of these infield spots can be pitcher or catcher.** If you hit more than 9 players you may substitute freely in the field as long as this rule is followed.

Injuries – If a player is injured on the field and you have no subs on the bench, you can play with 8, but the injured player's spot in the order is an out. If the injured player is a female, you may play with 1 infield and 1 outfield. If you play with one female in the infield **it must be a position player (not pitcher or catcher).**

Courtesy Runners—If a player has a previous injury or gets injured in the game and requires a runner, the last batted out will be the courtesy runner. If it is a female the runner must be the last female that made an out.

Base on Balls to a Male (with female to follow) - When a male reaches first base on a base on balls and a female spot follows in the batting order, the man automatically advances to **2nd base**. **With 2 outs, the female may elect to take 1st base.** With less than 2 outs she must take her turn at the plate.

Batting—Hitters start with a 1-1 count, foul balls with 2 strikes are an out.

Home Runs (See Photo File)—Any ball hit over the center net guide wire and the horizontal pipe at the same level is a home run. The ball must also be below the horizontal pipe that holds the 2nd row of lights. If the ball strikes any roof structure between these lines or any of the lights it is a home run. **Anything that hits the roof or roof structures above this horizontal line is an out and a dead ball and runners cannot advance.** Balls over the net in right field before the designated vertical line will be a ground rule double. **Any ball that hits the roof after crossing the net will be a double or home run. Any ball that hits the roof in foul territory is a foul ball, not an out.**

No Bunting - any full swing that is fair is playable.

Leading/Stealing - There is no leading until the pitch reaches the plate. **Absolutely no stealing**

Pitching - Pitcher MUST be on the rubber (50ft) at time of release of pitch. The ball must reach a height of 6ft off the ground, and cannot go above 10 feet. The speed must be slow. Any kinds of spin and under hand release points are legal.

Run Rule- 12 after 5 innings, or 20 after 4 innings. If there is ample time left to play, teams can play for fun.

Sliding is allowed: Absolutely no take out slides (determining factor is intent, and if runner cannot reach base during slide) or intentional interference with a defensive player, **the runner & batter will be called out.**

Any ball overthrown that goes below the net is a dead ball and runners will be awarded the appropriate bases.

There is a horizontal and vertical guide wire in each field, if the batted ball strikes one in fair territory it is no pitch and the batter returns to the plate with the previous count.

Any other ground rules specific to the Portland Sports Complex indoor fields will be addressed by the umpires before each game.

All rules not covered here follow 2011 ASA rules. Casco Bay Sports reserves the right to change any rule, at any time, for the betterment of the league

Game balls will be reused so please return them to the umpires at the end of the game!!