

2013 CARD Softball Rule Cheat Sheet

The entire rule packet can be found on-line here: www.teamsideline.com/chico

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Managers are responsible for their team knowing the rules.

Field Supervisors: It is the manager's responsibility to report any issues to the field supervisor (staff in CARD Shirt) on duty. The field supervisor reports directly to the CARD Recreation Supervisor.

Illegal Bats: CARD is purchasing an ASA Bat Tester to test all suspect bats. The tester will travel from park to park. CARD WILL FOLLOW THE CURRENT ASA BANNED BAT LIST. The most updated list can be found at http://www.asasoftball.com/about/certified_equipment.asp

Courtesy Runners: Teams have free use of courtesy runners throughout the game. Since the teams are choosing the courtesy runners, if they are on base when their spot comes up to bat, the batter is out.

1 and 1 Count: All divisions will start with a 1 and 1 count (NOT COED). Batters will be awarded an extra foul ball on the 2nd strike.

Time Limits: Time limits for all slow pitch leagues are 65 minutes. Time limits will be 80 minutes for championship games only. All games called due to weather, darkness, or any other unplayable conditions are official after the top of the 4th.

Protests: All judgment calls will stand. Only rule interpretation calls may be protested. When a matter of protest arises during a game, the manager of the protesting team must immediately, before the next pitch, notify the umpire and opposing team that the game is being played under protest. This must be followed up by submitting a written report of the protest by 5:00pm the following business day, to the Recreation Supervisor at the CARD office. Protests of illegal players must be made prior to the top of the third inning.

Rain: Managers and players may call the CARD Office at 895-4711, Option 3, if they are in doubt as to the status of their game. The system will be updated as soon as a determination is made as to playability of fields. CARD will not make that determination on games until 4:00pm at the earliest. Weather and Field condition updates will also be posted at www.facebook.com/chicorec and Twitter @chicorec.

Alcohol: Players are not allowed to consume any type of alcoholic beverage while their game is in progress. Any player found to be drinking on the field, in the dugout, or outside the field of play while their game is in progress will be ejected from the game and the "Code of Conduct" rules will be enforced.

Coed Specific:

Third Base Commitment line: A line 20' past third base is marked; therefore, no runner may cross this line and return to third base. Delayed Dead Ball Call. The ball is alive until the play is over, then the runner is called out ***(if it is the third out, batter will be called out immediately- no delayed dead ball.)***

- i. (tagging up) – Once committed, always committed. If, on a “tag-up” situation, a runner passes the commitment line before he/she tags up, they have to tag up at 3rd base and try to score. Once between the commitment line and home plate, the out must be recorded at home.

Batting Order

- a. Teams must bat players in alternate order. Teams batting more women than men, have the discretion as to how men and women alternate. (ex. Man, Woman, Man, Woman or Man, Woman, Woman, Man, Woman)
- b. Managers have the ability for free substitution providing the following (c-i) are followed.
- c. At no time may two men bat back to back. Penalty: Forfeiture of game.
- d. If a female is removed from the game and there is no substitute resulting in two men batting back to back, the following male batter must be removed from the game. In this situation, the removed male batter is not credited with an out. If a player is ejected from the game, and there is no player to replace that person, the team will be credited with an out every time that player's batting position comes up. If a player leaves due to injury and there is no player to replace that person, the team will be credited with an out one time and there will be no further penalty.

Teams must notify official scorekeeper, opposing team and umpire.

- e. Teams cannot bat more men than women. If a team has more men than women, they must substitute in order to bat those men. For example: Two men may alternate at bats, both batting in the same position within the batting order. (ie: 3rd batter, will be two men sharing that position)
- f. Players who are being substituted for may not bat any earlier than their original spot in the batting order when they return to the line up.
- g. Line-Up Substitution (Players must be present to be in the Batting Order).

Teams may choose to bat their entire line up and have free defensive substitution by half inning. Late players must be added to the end of the batting line up or substituted into the batting line-up when they arrive. Please inform umpire and opposing team manager.

- h. All players playing in the field must bat. Players may not take an out.