

2025 City of Westminster House Rules

- Bat boys/girls MUST wear a batting helmet
- No alcohol in the dugouts/on the fields. No outside alcohol allowed anywhere in the complex
- No warm up except in designated areas (grass)
- Rosters remain open for Spring season. Freeze after 4th game Summer/Fall
- For safety the City recommends not wearing jewelry, do so at your own risk.
- Must run to the orange base on any single. In alignment with the USA Softball Official Rulebook, baserunners must attempt to avoid unnecessary contact with fielders trying to make a play to avoid collision. Interference calls are ultimately a judgment call by the umpire. (see USA Softball Supplemental Rules for further details, p.129)
- No metal cleats.
- All players MUST have a similar colored shirt with a number on the front or back to play in any 2025 season.
 - Duplicate numbers are prohibited (exception: 1 male/1 female on the same team). Plain T-shirts & drawn-on numbers are acceptable.
 - Players must present their number before entering the batter's box PRIOR to their first at-bat (include on lineup if possible). No # = Batter Out
- 55-minute game times
- For teams that are short players: 10-minute running clock for first game, and 5 minutes for all subsequent games, if teams don't have enough players after the specified time limit game will be ruled a forfeit
- **Mercy Rule: Up by 15 runs after 4 complete innings OR 40 minutes played, up 10 runs after 5 complete innings played**
- Home runs: Comp = 3, Upper = 2, Lower = 1, **No one up rule... Shag your own softballs to help keep them in play**
- Home Runs over limit – any over-the-fence home run that is hit after the max allowed for the division will be counted as a **single** out
- Must start game with 8, may play any 10 in the field, **may bat up to 14**. Any subs teams plan to play later in the game must appear on the original lineup card at the bottom
- No players standing outside the dugout when their team is up to bat (other than base coaches and on deck batter) if they remain after a warning, the batter will be called out
- Coed: Must have 4 men, 4 women to start. Teams may have 2 more males than females, but will take out when batting or may opt to use a rotating lineup. Can only have 1 more male than female defensively
- One courtesy runner per inning is allowed. In coed one runner per gender is allowed for a total of 2 per inning. The runner must be the last recorded out or the last player to score. If neither has occurred, it should be someone lower on the lineup. No additional runner for pitchers