

## 2025 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 more than 4, the batter is out.

**All 'E' Leagues** – The half inning is over after 6 runs have scored. This rule may only be waived if both teams agree to do so at the beginning of the game.

**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.

**Co-Ed** – If a team has only 9 players it **MUST** be a gender combination of 5 and 4. Teams batting order will start with whichever gender has 5 players.

**Open Batting Order Co-Ed for team with 10 or more players** - Teams may bat entire lineup with a minimum of 4 of one gender and 5 of the other. 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. If one gender has only 4 players, that team can only field 9 players on defense but still bat 10 or more if the other gender has more than 5 players. This will be allowed in league play only...not an option for Metro Tournament (see bulletin for more details)

**Courtesy Runners** – Any eligible player that may participate on offense or defense and are on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used at any time once per inning.

If a team goes through the entire line-up the same person may use another courtesy runner.

In Co-Ed the courtesy runner must be of the same gender. The team is allowed one per inning, per gender.

**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 12" for men and 11" 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/minneapolisparks/home](http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparks/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 **July 11<sup>th</sup>** 3pm. Must have roster on file to be eligible.

**Metro Tournament Dates:**

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>