

Ed Martens Senior Texan Softball League  
City of McAllen Parks and Recreation Department  
Rules 2025

1. Our purpose is friendly competition, fun & good fellowship. All players must agree to conduct themselves with the highest standards of courtesy & sportsmanship. The manager or Assistant Manager are the Only persons to discuss a ruling with the Umpire.

NO EXCEPTIONS; PLAYERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME & WILL NOT PLAY IN THE NEXT GAME; 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE REMOVAL FROM THE LEAGUE, NO REFUNDS.

MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR TEAMS/PLAYERS AT ALL TIMES, OR THEY ALSO COULD FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

2. Replacement runners (Courtesy Runners), will only be used if a player is injured and has advanced to 1<sup>st</sup> base or beyond. However, the umpire must approve the courtesy runner, in agreement with both managers/coaches. The courtesy runner must be the last batter out, or the last batter from the previous inning. Upon the approval of the umpire. It is important to know that the umpire will consider the safety of each player, & may overrule both coach's decision.

In the event that a second courtesy runner is required, the second to last out shall be the replacement.

\*\*\*Batter/Pinch Runner-A batter requiring a pinch runner, will have the pinch runner aligned behind the catcher near the backstop fence. The pinch runner will stand behind a designated white line. The runner may only move forward after the ball has been hit into fair territory. The pinch runner may advance past first base at his own risk.

Female for female; unless a male is in use from the last inning who made the last out.

3. In order to maintain equality of teams, a player or players may be transferred from one team to another after the season commences. This will be done only after a majority vote of the committee. The "City of McAllen Team Roster", form will be utilized to indicate official team batting

order and is the line-up form to be presented to the officials/scorer ten minutes before the start of each game. NO CHANGES ON THE ROSTER AFTER THE 5<sup>TH</sup> GAME.

4. All players must be at least 55 years of age to play in the Senior League.
5. All players on each team must bat as indicated on the batting lineup. The manager Coach shall utilize the batting order on the lineup sheet to indicate official batting sequence. Please note that a maximum of eleven players may be utilized at all times on defense.  
\*\*\*Players dropping out of the game for any reason, will officially be scratched off the batting lineup. The scratched player will be skipped from the batting order. The team will continue the batting order and will not be penalized with an out. Late player (s) will be added at the bottom of the line-up (and the manager must notify the umpire of late player addition). Once the first pitch is thrown, the game is officially started and any players "not in the dugout", at that time, are considered "late" and will be moved to the bottom of the line-up.
6. Games will be 7 innings, UNLESS STATED BY COORDINATOR
7. A maximum of 5 runs may be scored in an inning. EXCEPT the last inning of the game which shall be OPEN. EXCEPTION: If a team is ahead by 10 runs or more after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the game will be considered officially over.  
Note: 5 inning games will play 5 innings with the last inning an open inning.
8. USA Rules applied unless modified by the City of McAllen PARD and the League committee.
9. Sliding or diving to a base is not allowed (automatic out). Deliberate bumping, shoving, aggressive tagging, or throwing of equipment, will bring upon a judgement call by the umpire. (May lead to EJECTION).
10. A Legal pitch must be delivered with a height of at least 6 ft. while not exceeding a maximum height of 10 ft. When the ball is delivered, the pitcher's foot must be in contact with the pitching rubber.
11. The batter will have one ball & one strike when coming to the plate. After a batter has 2 strikes, He/She will be called out on the next called strike/foul ball.  
\*\*\*Batted balls hitting the screen or between the pitching rubbers will be ruled a Dead Ball-Strike

12. \*\*\*Catchers must wear a protective mask during games & practice. Pitchers must use the pitching screen, making a protective mask (OPTIONAL). Pitchers that don't use the pitching screen, after being warned by the umpire, will be removed/replaced.
13. Retiring runner at home plate: Only defensive players can touch home plate or the mat. Runners must ONLY cross the line to the right of home plate. (Runners tagged will be safe, while runners crossing inside the white line will be called out.)
14. The following will be used in the event of a game tied after 7 innings, The last batter/out from the previous inning will be placed on second base to start the extra inning. Each batter will get one pitch. If the pitch is a ball, the batter gets to walk. If it's a strike/foul, the batter is out, or the result of a hit ball. Play will continue until one team is ahead after the completion of an extra inning. After 2 extra innings, and the teams are still tied, a coin toss will determine the winner.
15. At the start of the game or any point in the game:
  - \*\*\*Teams with 10 players must play with 10 players
  - \*\*\*Teams with 9 players will borrow a catcher from the opposing team. This player will only be utilized on defense.
  - \*\*\*Teams with 8 or less will forfeit the game.
16. Distance for bases is 70' ft (USA -Rule 4.2) \*\*\*Exception, (B) league bases are at 65' ft.

Games: Mondays and Wednesday  
Tuesday and Thursday

Both leagues, All games will begin at 9:30am, primarily on fields 1  
And 3, unless otherwise specified by the city of McAllen PARD.