

# ALVA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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THE ALVA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES ALL MANAGERS TO MAKE THE RULES AND REGULATION OF THE SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE AVAILABLE TO THEIR PLAYERS.

## COED SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. THE GAME

**A** The league shall be organized and administered by the city of Alva Department of Parks and Recreation. The official rule book for the league shall be the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Official Rule book. The only exceptions to the rule book shall be the following:

**B** Teams must be in the park ready to play at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the time scheduled for the game.

**C** **Game time is forfeit time.**

**D** Home team will be decided by a flip of a coin prior to each game.

**E** Starting line-ups shall be submitted to the official scorekeeper **ten (10) minutes** before the game time.

**F** In case of a game extending past the scheduled starting time of another game on the same diamond, the teams playing the following game will start seven (7) minutes after the completion of the prior game.

**G** ARC will provide game balls. Both men and women will hit a 12" .52/300 softball.

**H** Games are scheduled for seven (7) innings. There will be a 55 min. time limit per game. After time expires, teams will finish the inning that is being played unless the home team is up to bat and they are ahead.

**I** The following run rule will be used for both league and post-season tournament play:

Fifteen (15) runs after three (3) innings

Twelve (12) runs after four (4) innings

Ten (10) runs after five (5) innings

Eight (8) runs after six (6) innings

The mercy rule shall be called and the game will be declared ended and legal.

**J** Each team will be allowed to have ten (10) players on the fields while playing defense, all reserve players, coaches, etc. will remain in the dugout area at all times. There must be 5 males and 5 females; with the following positioning requirements; two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield, and one male and one female as pitcher or catcher, the only exception is if there are more females present than males. Batting order must alternate male/female. If a man is walked, he automatically advances to 2nd. base.

The following female has the option to walk (1st base only) or bat. Runners may only advance by force.

- K** No players can be added 2 weeks prior to the tournament starting. This will be the same even if we have a change in the original schedule.
  
- L** Eight (8) Players must be present to start and finish a game. Two automatic outs will be assessed when the ninth & tenth batter should appear in the batting rotation. The number of male players can only exceed the number of female players by one.
  
- M** Extra Player Rule - A team may insert two (2) extra players into the line-up consisting of one male and one female player. Any ten (10) of the twelve (12) players may take a defensive position throughout the game. When a team chooses to use extra players, the team must finish the game with twelve (12) players or an automatic out will be assessed when the person is scheduled to bat. It is not mandatory that a team use an E.P., but failure to declare so prior to the game precludes the use of an E.P. in that game.
  
- N** All tobacco products are banned from the ball complex and surrounding parking areas. This is by order of the Alva City Council.
  
- O** **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** No player, coach or team representative will be allowed to drink cereal malt beverages during the game they are participating in. **Alcohol is not permitted in the ball complex, or surrounding parking areas. This is by order of the Alva City Council.** The first offense will result in removal of that player. Second offense will result in forfeiture of that game.
  
- P** **Persons climbing or jumping fences at the complex will receive an automatic two (2) game suspension. If the violation occurs during a game the suspension will be for that game and the next two (2) games.**
  
- Q** **ONLY THE TEAM MANAGER OR ACTING TEAM COACH may discuss calls with the umpire. Any other person doing so will be immediately ejected from the game.**
  
- R** **PLAYING FIELD** – Base paths for Men’s league is 65’ Women and coed is 60’ any person other than an ARC employee or umpire altering the bases or playing field in any way will be ejected for the remainder of the night and the team that they are on will forfeit that game. Pitching distance is 50’
  
- S** **Steel spikes will not be allowed.**

## II. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND OTHERS

- A. Players, team representatives, spectators, or officials are expected to demonstrate behavior that is a worthy example of civilized behavior and good sportsmanship anytime they are on the field, in the complex, and in the parking lot. This also means before, during or after the game.
  
- B. Persons who choose not to behave in the above manner will be penalized.
  - 1. Verbal Harassment or Abusive Conduct
    - a. Removal from game, and \$15 fine to be paid before 2 game suspension is up. And
    - b. Two (2) game suspensions.

2. Fighting, Striking, Hostile Action
  - a. Removal from game, and \$30 fine
  - b. Suspended from ARC activities for a period of one (1) calendar year. Will remain ineligible to play until \$30 fine is paid.
3. Damaging City Property
  - a. Removal from game, and \$15 fine
  - b. suspended from ARC activities for one (1) calendar year, and
  - c. make restitution for such damage as a condition of being reinstated.
4. Glass containers in the complex or the parking lot.
  - a. If a player, he/she will be warned. A Second time the player will be suspended for one game and he/she must be in attendance at the game to serve his/her suspended time.
  - b. If a spectator, he/she will be warned. A second time will result in the police being called.
5. Any person ejected from a game must immediately leave the ball park and/or ball complex area. Failure to comply shall subject the player's team to forfeiture of that game. Any person ejected from a game will be assessed a minimum of a two (2) game suspension. This suspension will include post-season play as well. Suspension begins at end of the game the person has been ejected from. Any person ejected a second time will be assessed a four (4) game suspension. Person ejected a third time will received a suspension for the rest of the league and post-season play. The ARC Board will hear all appeals of the above mentioned rules.

**The ARC has added a new policy and procedure of fines and penalties, some of these have been added to the conduct of players and others section. Any others not listed on these rules will still apply and it is the manager's responsibility to make sure all players are aware of these rules and additions to.**

### III. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS

**A.** Teams will be eligible for league play upon submitting the official player's contract, the official team registration, and ALL league entry fees.

If a player is not listed on your roster, paid for and signed then this will result in a forfeit of all games that are played until that player is paid for and signed

#### **B. Rosters**

1. Teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players on their roster plus the signatures of each player at any given time
2. If a player is not listed on your roster, paid for and signed this will result in a forfeit of all games that are played until that player is paid for and signed.

**C.** Players may participate on one Men's/Women's team and one coed team.

**D.** No player may be on more than one roster at any given time in the same program. Failure to comply with this rule will result in suspension of the guilty party for the remainder of the season. The programs will be men's softball, women's softball and coed softball.

E. All persons must have attained the age of seventeen (17) prior to the start of the season to be eligible to participate in the ARC Adult Softball league.

#### IV. OFFICIALS

A. Field Supervisor: A representative of the ARC shall be appointed by the Recreation Department. This person shall serve as supervisor of the complex and be responsible to administer and control the facility in a manner consistent with applicable rules and regulations.

1. The field supervisor is empowered to suspend players/spectators from the game for violations of the official rules and regulations.

B. Umpires and scorekeepers are the representatives of the ARC and are officially in charge of the field and games.

1. Umpires have authority over the field from the time they arrive at the park until the time they leave the park.
2. The Umpires are empowered to suspend players from the game for violations of the official rules and regulations
3. If you owe a fine for any other ARC sponsored adult athletic competition you are ineligible to participate in Men's/Women's or Coed softball until that fine is paid.

#### V. SCHEDULE

- A. In case of Rain-outs, ARC Staff Member shall be responsible for the cancellation and rescheduling of rain-out games. The League Supervisor will be responsible for contacting managers and officials.
- B. There will be NO rescheduling of regular season games except in the event of bad weather or community emergency.
- C. All league games shall be played on the fields assigned by the ARC as printed on the official schedule.

#### VI. AWARDS

- A. Suitable awards shall be awarded to teams for outstanding team play in the various divisions of play.
  1. Tie Breaking System for Tournament Bracket
    1. Head to Head competition
    2. Run difference in head to head competition
    3. Divisional play (if applicable)
    4. Total runs scored
    5. Total runs differential
- B. The awards for Adult Softball Programs will be as follows:
  1. Post-Season Tournament Play:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Championship t-shirts

## VI. PROTESTS

- A. Protests will be expected on matters concerning misinterpretation of a rule, but not judgment calls.
- B. The notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next pitch.
- C. The manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the home plate umpire that the game is being continued under protest. The plate umpire shall in turn notify the opposing manager and official scorekeeper.
- D. Formal protest must contain the following information:
  - 1. Date, Time, and Diamond
  - 2. The inning and batter
  - 3. The names of the umpires and scorekeepers
  - 4. The rule and section of the Official Rules or Local Rules under which the protest is being made.
  - 5. All essential facts involved in the matter protested.
- E. The Official Protest must be filed at the Recreation Department within twenty-four (24) hours of the schedule time of the game in question. Games protested on Friday will allow protest on Monday.
- F. The written protest shall be accompanied by a Fifty (\$50) protest fee, which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.
  - 1. When a protest is allowed for a misinterpretation of a play rule, the game will be replayed from the point at which the incorrect decision was made with the corrected decision.
  - 2. When a protest for ineligibility is allowed, the game shall be forfeited to offending team.

**Any violation of the rules will result in a forfeit!**

By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and understand the fines and penalties for not following these rules. As the manager you will make sure that all of your players understand the rules as well. If anyone needs a copy of the rules we will gladly print one off.

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