

# Kaysville Parks and Recreation Adult Softball Amended Rules

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*Team Managers are responsible for informing all team members of the contents of USSSA Slow Pitch rules and of Kaysville Parks and Recreation amended rules.*

*Kaysville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to make adjustments or rule changes for league continuity.*

## LEAGUE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### ROSTERS

- An official ROSTER fully completed and signed by all players must be turned in to the site supervisor the first night of play.
  1. Teams may add players to the official roster thru the end of league play.
  2. It is mandatory for added players to sign the roster before they play in a game. This is the team manager's responsibility.
  3. A player must have played in a minimum of two league games in order to play in the end of season tournament.
- Teams may bat a roster up to 14 players. Up to 20 players may be added on a roster however 15 (per team) league and tournament awards will be given to championship and runner up players.
- If a team bats the entire roster (up to 14) and someone goes home or is injured the team will only receive an automatic out if the roster falls below 10.
- If a team has less than 8 players it is a forfeit. (Read grace period rules under Time Limit)
- A Player may only play on **ONE TEAM IN THE SAME LEAGUE**. Player rosters will be checked weekly when entered into the scorebook.

### PLAYER ID CHALLENGE

- Player ID challenges are allowed through the end of the third inning. The game clock will not be stopped for any roster check.
- Challenged players will have 10 minutes to produce an ID. If the ID is not presented by the end of 10 minutes, the player will be declared illegal.
- The challenging team must file a protest with the Recreation Office. The game will be played under protest and a ruling will be made based on the team's roster. The Sports Coordinator has final determination over a player's eligibility.
- During the regular season, teams must file a protest with the player's name and team. Rosters will be checked the next business day in the Recreation Office.
- During tournament play, rosters will be checked by the site supervisors if there is an ID challenge.
- Use of an illegal player(s) may result in player suspension for the next league or tournament game, and may result in forfeiture of that game.
- If a player is caught playing under an assumed name the person writing the line-up and the illegal player will be suspended in any and all leagues they participate in, and the game declared a forfeit.

### Players

- If less than 10 players, an automatic out for the 10th and 9th batters.
- Players may only play on 1 team per league (leagues are Men's Monday Rec A and B, Coed Tuesday Rec A and B, Men's Thursday Rec A and B., etc.)

- Players must wear uniforms of like color with a number on the back a minimum of 6 inches. This is for the benefit of our scorekeepers and also for the opposing team to make sure teams are not batting out of order.
- Any player ejected from a game must leave Barnes Park immediately. Team Captains are responsible for their player's immediate exit from the park. Ejected players will be suspended from play in all Kaysville Parks and Recreation Leagues for a minimum of one week. Additional suspension may be added at the determination of the Kaysville Parks and Recreation Department. Anyone ejected twice during the season will be suspended for the rest of the season. Fighting will be a minimum of a 1-year suspension. Any person verbally or physically attacking an official or supervisor will be suspended from all Kaysville City Sports programs indefinitely. For further information, refer to department policy – Physical and Verbal Altercation Management
- Teams are responsible for their fans. Teams may be ejected for unruly fans.
- Alcohol will not be tolerated. Teams caught will be ejected.
- Player eligibility; Teams may not have more than 2 players under the age of 16 on any given roster. Players must be at least 16 to participate in Kaysville Adult Softball. For those under 18 a parent release must be signed.
- If a player is ejected the team may continue to play with 9 or 8 players taking an automatic out in each spot.

### **PROTESTS**

- All protests must be made at the time of the infraction, prior to the next pitch.
- The Team Manager must notify the umpire and the site supervisor, who will resolve the issue on site.
- Protests may only be made for rule interpretations; an umpire's judgement call will not be considered.
- If an issue is not settled on site, the Team Manager must submit a written protest along with \$20.00 to Kaysville Parks & Recreation no later than 5:00 pm the next business day.
- The League Coordinator will review the protest and contact the Team Manager once a decision has been reached. Kaysville Parks and Recreation has the final decision over league issues.

### **Game Rules**

#### **Time Limit**

- Games are 55 minutes or 7 innings whichever occurs first. Games will not end in a tie.
- Games that are rained out may be played on a Saturday or a different night than regular scheduled games.
- If the last out is made with at least 1 second remaining on the clock another inning will occur. The umpire will have final judgment if there was time remaining on the clock at the time of the final out.
- Teams will be allowed a five-minute grace period at the beginning of the game only if a team falls short of 8 players. Time will be deducted from the 55-minute game time to keep the field on schedule. Players may not be picked up to avoid a forfeit. Three or more forfeits may disqualify a team from the tournament bracket. If you know in advance that your team will forfeit, please call the office during business hours 801-544-1788.

#### **Run Rule**

- 25 runs after three complete innings; 20 runs after four complete innings; 15 runs after five complete innings.
- Once the game is concluded due to a run rule - teams may continue to use the fields as a practice game without an official if time allows. Players must abide by code of conduct policies.

#### **Home Run Rule**

- One home run per inning over the fence per team. Any other home run over the fence in an inning will be an out. Only have to touch first base on home runs.

#### **Stealing**

- Stealing not allowed

## **Batting**

- Three balls two strikes allowed for each batter.
  - A batter is out if 2 legally pitched balls enter the strike zone and the batter does not swing.
  - A batter is out if 2 legally pitched balls are swung at and missed by the batter.
  - A batter is out if the batter's 2nd strike is from a foul ball that has not been caught (in which case the batter would be given an additional pitch) then has a 3rd foul or 3rd strike.

## **Pitching**

- Men's Leagues will have two pitching plates. The standard pitching plate will be at 50', with a secondary pitching plate at 56'.
- Pitchers may use either pitching plate.
- If using the back plate, the pitcher must be in contact with the plate, at the time of the pitch.

## **Equipment**

- Metal cleats **NOT ALLOWED**
- Bats must have a certification stamp of approval for USA Softball, ASA or USSSA.
- Official game balls – USA 52 Cor 300 Compression
- Home plate extension will be used.

## **Sliding Rule**

- Offensive players are required to slide/or avoid contact to the best of their ability.
- Defensive players may not occupy a base path unless they possess the softball.
- Defensive players may not occupy a base unless in the act of catching a thrown ball.
- If the offensive player does not slide or avoid contact the MIN penalty will be the player will be called out. The MAX penalty will be ejection from the game and possible league suspension.
- (refer to equipment rule regarding sliding with metal cleats)

## **Coed Specific Rules**

- Coed lineup must bat every other gender; female can bat back to back but male batters cannot. If at game time a team has less than 10 players the lineup must remain every other gender with an automatic out at the 9th and 10th batter or in place of a female batter if the gender ratio is 5 men/4women. Fielding lineup must remain equal genders.
- Catcher must make the play at home. (Both Coed Rec A and Rec B)
- Coed will use the 200 ft. line for female batters. Outfielders must stay behind the 200 ft. line until the ball is hit.
- **REC B ONLY** –
  - A second home plate that will be used to avoid any contact at home plate.
  - A commitment line will be placed halfway between home and 3rd base, perpendicular to the foul line. Once a player passes this line he/she must continue to home. If a player passes the halfway line and then returns to third base, he/she will be called out. Every play at home will be a force out.

## **Senior 50+ Specific Rules**

### **Rosters**

- Players must be 50 in the calendar year the league is played in. Players may play down divisions, however no player may play up divisions. Players are not allowed to play for more than one team in the same league. Penalty: if players play up a league that game will be a forfeit.

### **50+ Game Rules**

- Courtesy runners may be used. They may enter the game at any dead ball, not during live play. The same courtesy runner is not allowed to run more than once during the same inning. If the courtesy runner is on base when he should be batting, he is called out.
- A second home plate that will be used to avoid any contact at home plate.
- A commitment line will be placed halfway between home and 3rd base, perpendicular to the foul line. Once a player passes this line he must continue to home. If a player passes the halfway line and then returns to third base, he will be called out. Every play at home will be a force out.
- Each team may score only five runs per inning. After the offensive team scores five they must go to defense. When 45 minutes of playing time has expired, teams will complete the current inning and go one more inning. In the final inning, there will be no restriction on runs scored.
- If the game ends in a tie after time has expired (55 min) or 7 innings of play, the international tiebreaker rule will be in effect.
- Senior leagues will use the 15 after 5 inning run rule and/or flip flop rule.

### **50+ Equipment Rules**

- Senior bats will be marked as a senior bat and do not require a specific association logo.
- All pitchers in senior leagues are required to wear protective head gear while pitching. Headgear must include a facemask. Masks can be checked out from the league supervisor.

### **Tournament Rule**

- Higher seed home team.
- Championship game: home team will be the undefeated team.
- For double elimination tournaments the (if) game will be a coin toss.
- Both the championship game and the (if) game will be time limit games.
- Tournament players required to have played in a minimum of two league games to be eligible for tournament play.

### **BALL RETURN POLICY**

Each game will begin with one new game ball and two back up balls. Teams must return all retrievable balls hit out of play as soon as possible in order to keep the speed of the game intact. If all three balls have been hit out of play, the game will be suspended until the balls have been returned to the umpire's control. The game clock will continue to run. The umpire will introduce a new game ball, if an out-of-play ball is unable to be retrieved (i.e. unreachable, lost or stolen). No substitute balls may be inserted into play; only City of Kaysville official game balls will be accepted for play.

### **Rainout / Weather Cancellation Information**

Rain outs will be called when possible by 3 pm or earlier on game days. Information will be updated on our website and phone line and will continue to be updated until games start. We do everything we can to play and err on the side of playing, as opposed to canceling. If games are canceled once play has started for the night, the park supervisor will call team captains alerting them.

Website for rain out and other messages [www.quickscores.com/kaysvillerec](http://www.quickscores.com/kaysvillerec)

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