

## WASHINGTON CITY RECREATION

### Coed Softball Official Rules

- 1- All games will be played under the **National Softball Association Rules (NSA)** with the exception of the following rules adopted by the City as listed below.
- 2- **50 Minute games or 7 innings**; whichever comes first, with the home team receiving last turn at bat when necessary. Championship game is timed.
- 3- A team shall consist of at least (8) players; four (4) being male & **four (4) being female**. Each team must have 8 legal players to start. You cannot play with more males than females.
- 4- A forfeit will be called if this number is not present within **5 minutes after** the scheduled game time.
- 5- No player can play on more than one team.
- 6- Use of a pitching box of 53' to 56'.
- 7- A 5' to 12' pitching arc.
- 8- Each player will start with a one ball one strike count.
- 9- Co-ed will use the 200 ft. arc in the outfield. Men outfielders cannot cross until the women hit the ball.
- 10- An 11" ball will be used for women and a 12" ball will be used for men.
- 11- The co-ed home run rule will be "One Up". **All home runs over the limit will be outs.**
- 12- Line Ups must be turned in prior to the start of the first game. A team can have as many as 12 players batting, and 10 players on defense. **Male & Female players must alternate in the batting order.**
- 13- When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded 1st & 2nd base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat.
- 14- Run Rule: 20 at anytime, 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 5 innings.
- 15- Roster's will freeze on the 3rd week. If anyone not added before then **WILL NOT** be eligible to play. It is the coaches responsibility to have their players come sign the roster. Players have to play at least 2 weeks to be eligible for tournament play.
- 16- **Substitutions can only be made when the ball is dead.** The mgr. of the team making a substitution should immediately notify the Umpire. A player or substitute shall be officially in the game when his or her name has been entered on the official score sheet, & in possession of the official scorer.
- 17- Anyone ejected from a game for any reason will be suspended for at least **3 games**. 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 Washington City Sports Programs indefinitely & criminal action may be taken.**
- 18- **Teams are responsible for their fans.** Teams may be ejected for unruly fans.
- 19- **Alcohol will not be tolerated. Teams being caught will be EJECTED!**
20. **Pitching Net Rules:**
  - A. The screen will directly face home plate within one to three feet in front of the pitching rubber.
  - B. The screen may be positioned anywhere from the outer left side of the pitching rubber for a right handed pitcher, and to the outer right side of the pitching rubber for a left handed pitcher.
  - C. The first batted ball striking any portion of the screen as observed by the umpire will be declared a foul ball. The second batted ball striking the screen will be declared an out.
  - D. A pitcher is eligible to field any ball in front of the screen, but must do so at his own risk.
  - E. Once the screen is in position it becomes part of the field and may not be moved the rest of the inning. Exception: If a substitution is made for the pitcher.

